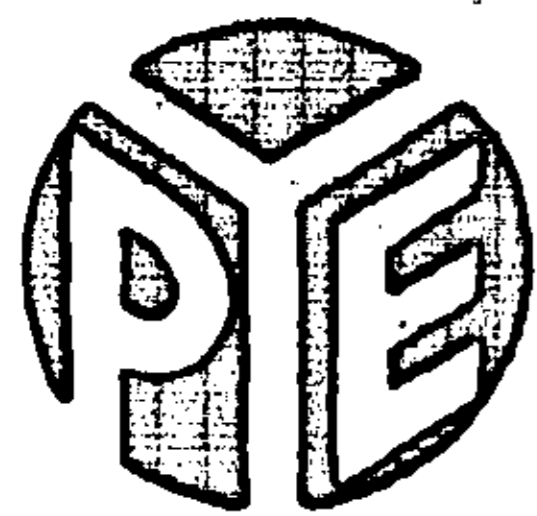


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SAIGON DENIES DEMANDS

The French Military, naval and civil authorities in Saigon deny all knowledge of any impending arrangement allowing Japan the use of naval and air bases in southern Indo-China, as suggested in foreign press comment, which is characterised as tendentious.

The possibility of such an accord in the immediate future appears precluded by the absence of the Governor-General and the majority of his staff, who are on a short trip of inspection in northern Cochinchina and Cambodia, and by the departure of General Sumita, head of the Japanese mission, by plane for Tokyo.

The Governor-General confirmed this week to responsible quarters that Indo-China had not received any demands whatever from the Japanese regarding the use of facilities outside Tonkin.

The fall of the Kono Cabinet has aroused lively speculation in Saigon. Generally it is thought this Government represented the ultimate in military rule, and the possibility of a resurgence of the business interests is not impossible, although the reasons for the fall and the nature of the new Government are "anybody's guess."—Reuter.

DE VALERA RE-STATES POLICY

Mr. Eamonn de Valera, the Eire Premier, replying to a debate on external affairs in the Dail last night, said:

"If anybody attacks us then every one of us can die if necessary fighting for what we are certain is a just cause, and I say that no matter from which side we are attacked."

"THAT IS THE POSITION WE ARE TAKING UP AND IT IS NOT A COWARDLY POSITION."

"If we are attacked at all we will be attacked by one of the big nations of the world."

"We have to face and we are prepared to face it. We are determined to live our own life."

German Progress Being Slowed Down Appreciably

IT IS NOW REGARDED IN MOSCOW AS ABSOLUTELY INEVITABLE THAT THE NAZIS WILL BE DEFEATED ULTIMATELY, NO MATTER WHAT SETBACKS THE SOVIETS RECEIVE IN THE MEANTIME.

This confidence, which is even greater than a week ago, has arisen from the slowness of the German advance and the reassuring effect of the Anglo-Russian Alliance.

It is reflected in Moscow's mood and in the tone of Soviet propaganda.

HITLER'S OTHER FRONT

From Nazi-occupied lands a steady trickle of smuggled news provides continuous evidence that Hitler has not overcome the dauntless spirit of the peoples he has conquered and disarmed, says the "New York Times."

Fresh evidence comes from Norway. There, all but three of the 18 provincial governors have resigned rather than obey the puppet Quisling.

Under the excuse of a shortage of workers, compulsory labour has now been decreed throughout the country.

But it will not profit the occupying power. Norwegian exports to the Reich steadily decline.

Transferable loot has been exhausted and the population ingeniously keeps production down so that new supplies fail to materialise.

Hitler reaps only new problems from the lands he has overrun.—Reuter.

NAVAL CHIEFS CONFER

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CALLED A CONFERENCE OF HIS CHIEF NAVAL ADVISERS FOR LATE YESTERDAY.

The men summoned by the President were Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy; Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations; Rear-Admiral Ernest King, commanding the Atlantic Fleet, and Rear-Admiral Richmond Turner, Chief of the War Plans Division of the Naval Operations Office.—Reuter.

Everyday life appears more normal than a week ago, theatres and cinemas are crowded while in the famous riverside Park of Culture and Rest, merry-go-rounds, restaurants and fine theatrical exhibitions are in great demand these warm clear evenings.

At the front no spectacular results have been achieved by the Nazis following the announcement of the second great offensive which began five days ago in the Pskov, Vitebsk, and Novograd-Volinsk sectors, in spite of very heavy fighting with considerable losses on each side.

The Nazi advance columns have succeeded in penetrating so far as the neighbourhood of Smolensk, also east of Pskov, although according to reports yesterday morning, both these towns are still in Soviet hands.

Soviet Equipment

The slow German advance is held by competent observers to bear out Soviet claims to have adequate equipment.

The fact remains the Nazis have failed in the last 14 days to make any spectacular progress.

Soviet fighter planes are highly praised by experts who say many of these are better than the Messerschmitt—Russian dive-bombers are also THE GERMANS HAVE NOWHERE MANAGED TO SECURE A LASTING AIR SUPERIORITY, WHILE FREQUENTLY THE SOVIETS EXERCISE LOCAL SUPERIORITY.

Mixed Assortment

The miscellaneousness of the Luftwaffe, comprising Italian, Czech and Polish planes, suggests that the more standardised units of the Luftwaffe are still on the Western Front, and this assortment of planes is a sign of the German weakness in air strength.

It seems both sides are busy bombing each other's communications and transports.—Reuter.

GERMAN PRESSURE ON JAPAN

References to the Tri-partite Pact in the semi-official Nazi "Diplomatic Correspondence" yesterday is regarded by the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich newspaper, "Basler Nachrichten" as a strong hint to Japan to form a military government, give up hesitations and to enter the war on Germany's side.—Reuter.

LINDY DEMANDS APOLOGY

Mr. Charles A. Lindbergh has written to President Roosevelt demanding an apology from Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior, for "certain statements and implications" made by him in a recent speech.

Mr. Ickes, in a Bastille Day speech, stated: "Study of Hitler's methods of internal disorganisation and demoralisation help one to understand Lindbergh and make one realise what a menace he and those like him are to the United States."

Mr. Ickes also described Lindbergh as "a knight of the German eagle" and said Lindbergh's "passionate words are to encourage Hitler and to break down the will of his fellow citizens to resist Hitler and Nazism."

Lindbergh, however, denies the suggestion he has connections with any foreign government, saying he received the German decoration while serving in the American Embassy.—Reuter.

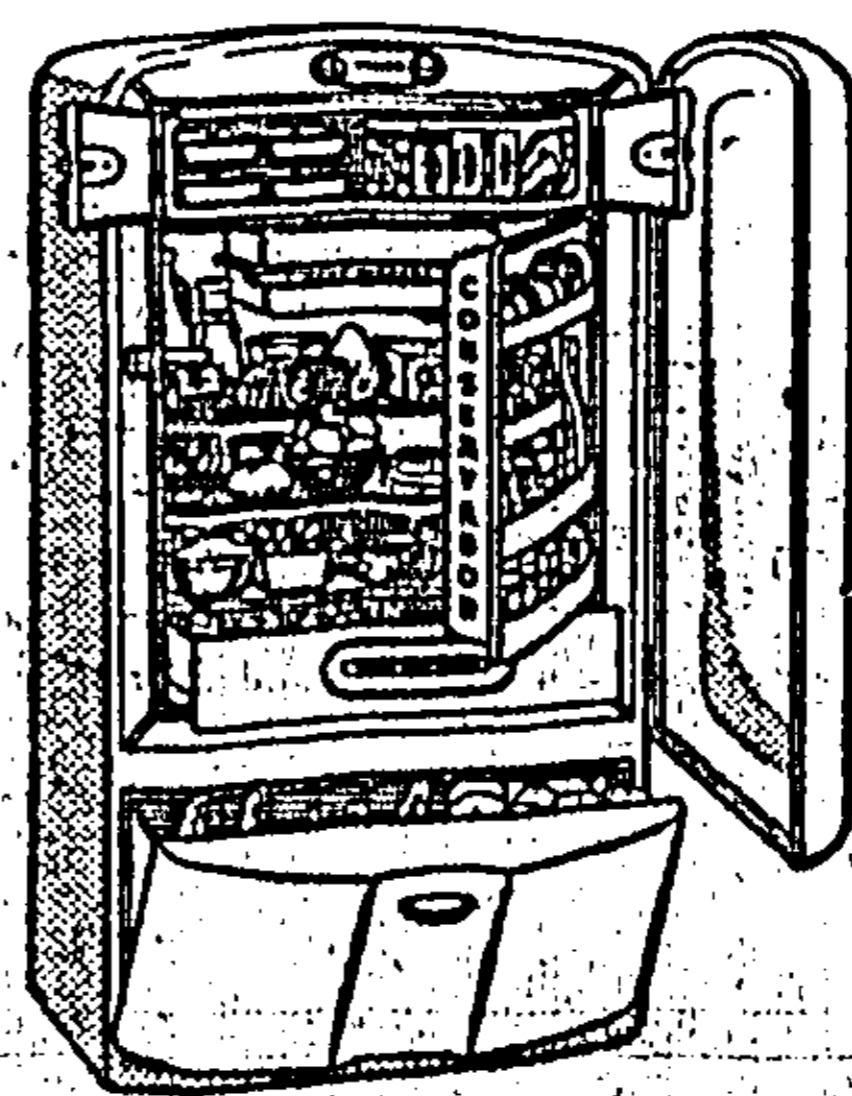
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PREMIER CALLS NEW PRODUCTION DEBATE

Speculation Developing On Cabinet Changes

TOBRUK PATROL'S TEN-MILE SORTIE

Yesterday's G.H.Q. Middle East communique stated that on the night of Tuesday an Australian fighting patrol from Tobruk penetrated 16,000 yards into the enemy positions and successfully assaulted two strong points.

After inflicting upon the enemy casualties substantially greater than the strength of the patrol itself, the British troops withdrew.

In dash and determination this patrol has again surprised and out-manoeuvred the enemy which locally is in greatly superior numbers and is in well-entrenched positions.

The Tobruk garrison's offensive policy is being continued with some success, stated military circles in Cairo yesterday commenting on the latest sortie from the port.

The fact that the Australian patrol penetrated 16,000 yards into enemy territory, sustaining only the smallest casualties, indicated we held the initiative.

The defensive attitude of the Axis troops, who are mostly Italian around Tobruk, seems to be repeated on the Libyan frontier, where the enemy continues to dig in at Sollum, Capuzzo and Halfaya, showing there is no inclination to tilt against the British forces in this area. — Reuter.

GREAT INTEREST IS BEING SHOWN BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN THE FORTHCOMING DEBATE ON WAR PRODUCTION.

When the Prime Minister earlier this week promised a third day for this subject and said he proposed to open the discussion with replies to the criticisms made last week, it was evident he had reconsidered his earlier attitude.

This had caused the original discussion to last two days but with no War Cabinet Minister speaking in particular, and with the Chairman of the Production Executive, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, taking no part in the debate.

U.S. Urged To Go In

"Germany's defeat would be assured were the United States to throw its entire weight into the war to-day."

So declared Mr. William B. Ziff, publisher of the well-informed American magazines "Flying" and "Popular Aviation," in an interview in New York yesterday.

"With England serving as our base we would have the advantage of being only a few hundred miles from Germany, while Germany would be thousands of miles from us."

Mr. Ziff added the United States was now in a "superb tactical position to pour in on Germany deadly destruction, crippling all her operations without fear of retaliation." — Reuter.

Mr. Churchill made known yesterday that the forthcoming discussion will be on the widest basis, including the Fighting Services departments, and the Ministry of Labour, towards whose manpower policy many criticisms have been directed.

AS THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ORDERED AN EXHAUSTIVE EXAMINATION OF ALL CRITICISMS, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE PROPHETS ARE ENGAGING IN THE PASTIME OF WEIGHING THE POSSIBILITIES OF POLITICAL CHANGES.

The Commons are hoping soon to take a short rest. Such a period is a favourite one for political overhauls.

Speculation Busy

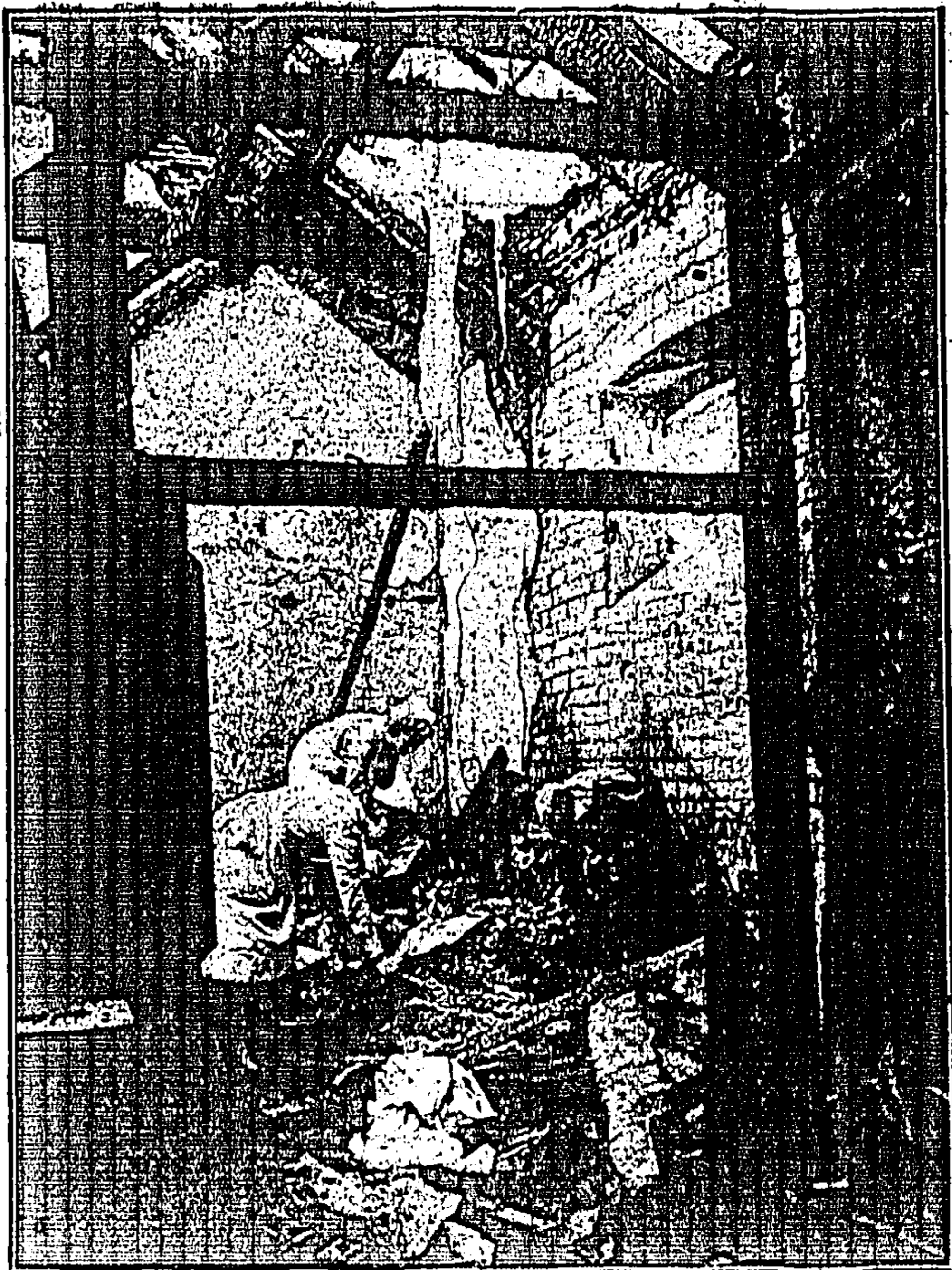
Thus speculation is busy with the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Labour and some other departments in which changes have been considered possible for some time past.

There is at present no confirmation for various forecasts which are current.

THAT SOME CHANGES MAY BE MADE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS CANNOT BE EXCLUDED. THAT THEY WILL BE EXTENSIVE, IS UNLIKELY.

Although discretion in the matter rests entirely with the Premier, the Commons certainly would not tolerate anything which weakened or slowed up the nation's war effort.

Indeed, if there are changes, they will be directed towards the acceleration and co-ordinating of effort — a purpose which is being demanded in increasing degree by all parties in both Houses. — Reuter.



As announced recently, the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff has suffered from German air raiders. Picture shows nurses searching amid the debris in the wrecked dispensary.

GALLUP POLL ON ICELAND OCCUPATION

Over 60 per cent. of the populations of big United States cities and towns approve President Roosevelt's action in sending troops to Iceland, according to the latest Gallup Poll.

Twenty per cent. disapproved of the action and 19 per cent. were undecided. — Reuter.

WAVELL PRAISES INDIANS

"India has given every possible assistance and without it the campaign in the Western Desert and the occupation of Syria could hardly have been carried out."

This statement was made at a press conference in Simla yesterday by General Sir Archibald Wavell, new Commander-in-Chief, India.

It had been an inspiration to him, he said, to see the magnificent work of the Indian troops in the Middle East and to know of India's great war effort from the invaluable assistance given him there.

General Wavell emphasised that in the Middle East and elsewhere the forces from India continue to play a leading part and would contribute towards final victory.

Referring to India's defence, General Wavell said: "So long as we have so many young men willing to serve and such fine material, and so long as India continues to produce war material in addition to supplies coming from England, we need have no doubt as to the defence of India." — Reuter.

refuelling and limited overhaul facilities for battleships, aircraft-carriers, cruisers and other warships.

The Argentina base cost \$17,050,000 and the Trinidad base \$17,855,000, being two of the eight sites leased from Great Britain in exchange for destroyers. — Reuter.

NEW U.S. NAVAL BASES

Two full-fledged naval operations bases are soon to be commissioned, one at Argentia, Newfoundland, and the other at Trinidad, the U.S. Navy announced in Washington yesterday.

The bases will have maintenance and overhaul facilities for warships operating in the Atlantic.

Previous Navy announcements indicated that the Newfoundland base consisted of merely a naval air station.

Navy sources yesterday said it will have a fleet anchorage and

POLISH GIFT FOR SCOTLAND

Six relief maps of Poland made by exiled soldiers from that country have been presented to the University of St. Andrews in Edinburgh. General Paszkiewicz made the presentation on behalf of the Polish army.

In accepting the gift, University Principal, Sir James Irvine, said that these plastic pictures on solid Polish wood seemed to him to epitomise the spirit of Poland and her fearless people. They felt themselves to be kinsmen with the people of Poland in every sense. The maps would remain in the University as tangible memories.

On the same day the presentation of colours to a unit of the Polish army by a Scottish county took place in the presence of President Raczkiewicz.

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KONOYE FORMING CABINET

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PRINCE KONOYE, THE OUTGOING PREMIER, WHO HAS ACCEPTED THE IMPERIAL COMMAND TO ORGANISE A NEW CABINET, HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A PLEDGE OF COOPERATION FROM THE WAR AND NAVY MINISTERS.

Senior statesmen met in Tokyo yesterday afternoon to choose a candidate for the Premiership, and Marquis Koichi Kido, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, went to the Imperial Palace to report their decision to the Emperor, who with the Empress, had only returned from his country villa 25 minutes earlier.

A little later Prince Konoye arrived at the Palace, whence he later went to see Baron Hiranuma, outgoing Minister of Home Affairs and former Premier, with whom he conferred for an hour.

Prince Konoye at 10 o'clock last night met the War Minister, Lt.-Gen. Tojo, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Oikawa. The conference is understood to have resulted in a complete agreement of views.

Another conference was called later when Mr. Kenji Tomita, the Cabinet's chief secretary, was present.

Prince Konoye was previously visited by Mr. Yoshio Sato, Foreign Ministry adviser.

IT IS EXPECTED PRINCE KONOYE WILL RESUME THE FORMATION OF THE NEW CABINET TO-DAY.

Unofficially it is predicted he will finish during the day and the installation ceremonies will follow at the Imperial Palace this evening.

After Prince Konoye's departure, Baron Hiranuma conferred with Kozo Ota, member of the House of Peers and chief secretary to the former Minister of Communications, and conversed for 30 minutes before returning to Baron Hiranuma.

Army And Navy

Meanwhile high officials of the War and Navy Ministries held separate conferences—talks reliably indicating that the armed forces are ready to cooperate with Prince Konoye's efforts to form a new Cabinet.

Financial circles generally interpret Prince Konoye's acceptance as indication that no immediate changes are pending regarding domestic and international policies.

Financial and industrial leaders urge that this third Konoye Cabinet should immediately undertake—

Firstly, to increase the production of war industries by stricter State control of the coal, oil and chemical industries.

Secondly, enforcement of a new programme of fiscal and monetary management.

Thirdly, stricter control of food to protect the nation's standard of living.

Cautious Calm

The resignation of the old Cabinet was received by the Tokyo Stock Exchange with cautious calm though shipping shares turned weak.

The "Japan Times and Advertiser" editorially declared: "Out of the change in administrative machinery will we feel confident, emerge a Cabinet inheriting the character and force of the one which Prince Konoye and his eminent chief colleagues built up."

"Some new faces will be seen and new talent added, yet the policy of a strongly united State committed to a high condition of defence and political continuity assuredly will remain."

"The work already done is a promise of greater things in the future."

"AT THIS MOMENT OF CHANGE THERE IS STILL A LIVELIER TRUST THAT THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT WILL MEASURE UP TO PAST PERFORMANCES AS WELL AS RISE TO NEW HEIGHTS."

REUTERS

R.A.A.F. CONTROL

Government is considering the establishment of Royal Australian Air Force administrative units in the Middle East and England.

This is in order to cooperate with the Royal Air Force Commands in view of the many Australian airmen fighting in those war theatres, declared Mr. McEwen, member of the War Cabinet, yesterday in Sydney.

It is proposed to review the policy of not publishing the names of airmen distinguishing themselves, Mr. McEwen further declared. — Reuters.

DREAM AND THE REALITY IN JAPAN

UNDER THE HEADING "Dream and reality in Japan," the "London Times" yesterday published a long review of Japanese policy from its Tokyo correspondent.

The article first outlines an historic sketch of Japanese foreign policy since the 16th Century, showing how the country emerged from seclusion, until the present China Incident gave imposing evidence that Japanese ambitions to dominate all Eastern Asia were not only dreams.

The European war seemed to hold out an opportunity of, capping them with a grandiose climax, and the Konoye Cabinet decided to join those whom they regarded as prospective victors in order to obtain their consent in advance to Japan's sharing the spoils and to eliminate the remaining obstacles from Japan's path.

The article quotes Mr. Matsuoka's new book, regarding Japan's world mission, pointing out that Mr. Matsuoka himself declared the outlines of the Japanese objectives will be made clear perhaps in 30 years and will begin to bear fruit in about 50 years.

"Peace Terms"

The article continues: "According to unofficial but authoritative pronouncements, it includes everything between the dateline of the 180th meridian and the Arabian Sea, which would embrace India, Malaya and Aus-

tralia, and half the world's population."

"Its future form is indicated in the structure of Manchukuo as a nominally independent Empire under Japanese control and in the 'victor's peace terms' outlined in the 'Japan Times and Advertiser,' the Foreign Office organ, demanding the demilitarisation of all British and American strongholds from Gibraltar to Hawaii, 'independence and self-government' for all European possessions in the Pacific, and the appointment of Japanese advisers to their governments, 'to rationalise their forms of cooperation within the sphere of co-prosperity.'"

"Though all Japanese statesmen insist Japan has no territorial ambitions and abhors Western imperialism, they have also made it plain that countries which prove 'insincere' or, like the Chinese, 'ignorant' of Japan's real intentions, will have to be brought to book by a strong but paternal armed hand."

KONOYE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Prince Konoye's success in forming a third Cabinet is reported to be very promising.

The War Minister, Lt.-Gen. Tojo, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Oikawa, are reported to be remaining in the Government. — Reuters.

NURSE'S 60 FT. RESCUE CLIMB

When wardens shouted "Come down at once" to a woman climbing up through the burning wreckage of a block of bombed flats 60 feet high in a London suburb recently, she replied: "There are people in the building. I am a nurse. I have to do my duty."

This woman, Assistant Commandant of a London Red Cross detachment, who was a member of the V.A.D. in the last war, has been specially commended by the Metropolitan police authorities.

In her climb through the building she had to avoid many live electric wires.

At the top she bandaged a woman who had serious head wounds. The woman died later, but her husband, who had a badly crushed foot, which has since been amputated, was saved by the application of a tourniquet. In this work the Assistant Commandant was helped by a police officer.

40-Minute Vigil

For 40 minutes while bombs were still dropping in the neighbourhood and the police were coping with a huge fire close at hand, the Assistant Commandant stayed with her patients and tried to relieve their suffering.

A little above their heads a great block of reinforced concrete hung by a thin piece of steel. The Assistant Commandant, almost exhausted, helped to carry the injured woman to a stretcher.

Gallantry of Nurse M. Jones, who spends her nights on duty in a St. Pancras shelter, is mentioned in a report of the borough A.R.P. emergency committee.

A child, choking to death with debris in the mouth and throat, was taken to the shelter. Nurse Jones had no instruments, so she put her fingers down the infant's throat so that it could breathe. Maintaining this treatment, she took the child to hospital through a heavy raid.

ANOTHER WAR OF NERVES?

PRESS REPORTS FROM THE FAR EAST ASSERTING THAT JAPAN WILL TAKE IMMINENT ACTION AGAINST FRENCH INDO-CHINA AND THAILAND ARE GIVEN PROMINENCE IN THE AMERICAN PRESS BUT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND MR. SUMNER WELLES, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, MAKE NO OFFICIAL COMMENT.

Competent Far Eastern observers are inclined to believe that Japan is launching another "war of nerves" and are not treating the rumours seriously.

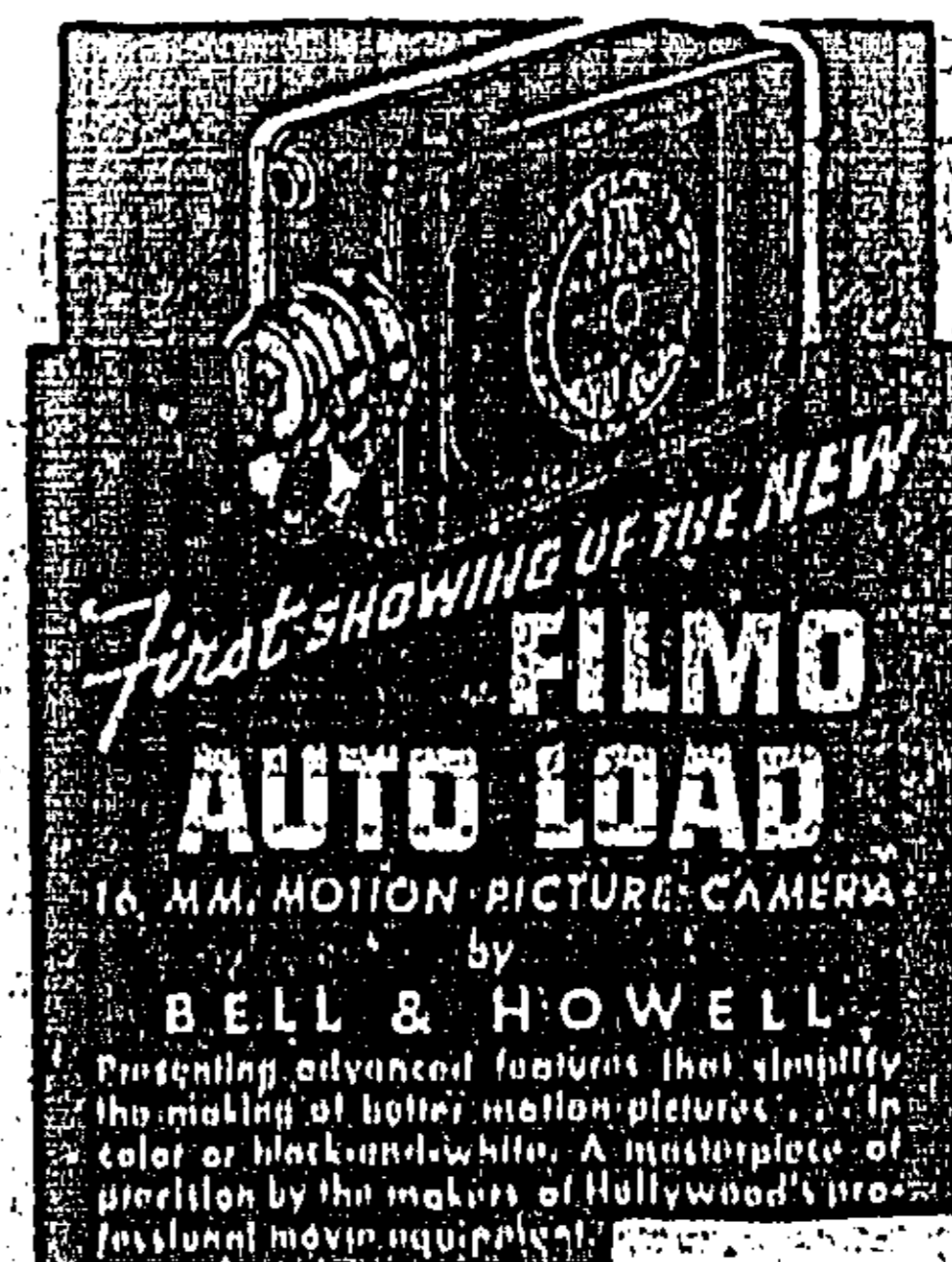
While Tokyo is publicising the seriousness of the situation in the Siberia area due to the Soviet mining of Kamchatka waters, observers believe Japan is more likely to push south to establish naval and air bases at Saigon and Bangkok, thus fulfilling Hitler's chief desire of keeping the United States Fleet immobilised in the Pacific.

There is strong indication that the United States Government is keeping the closest watch. — Central News.

WANTS 'WAR' ON LOOTERS

Mr. C. T. Culverwell (Cons. W. Bristol) is to ask the Home Secretary whether he is aware of the increase in looting, and whether he will circularise magistrates with a view to imposing severe penalties.

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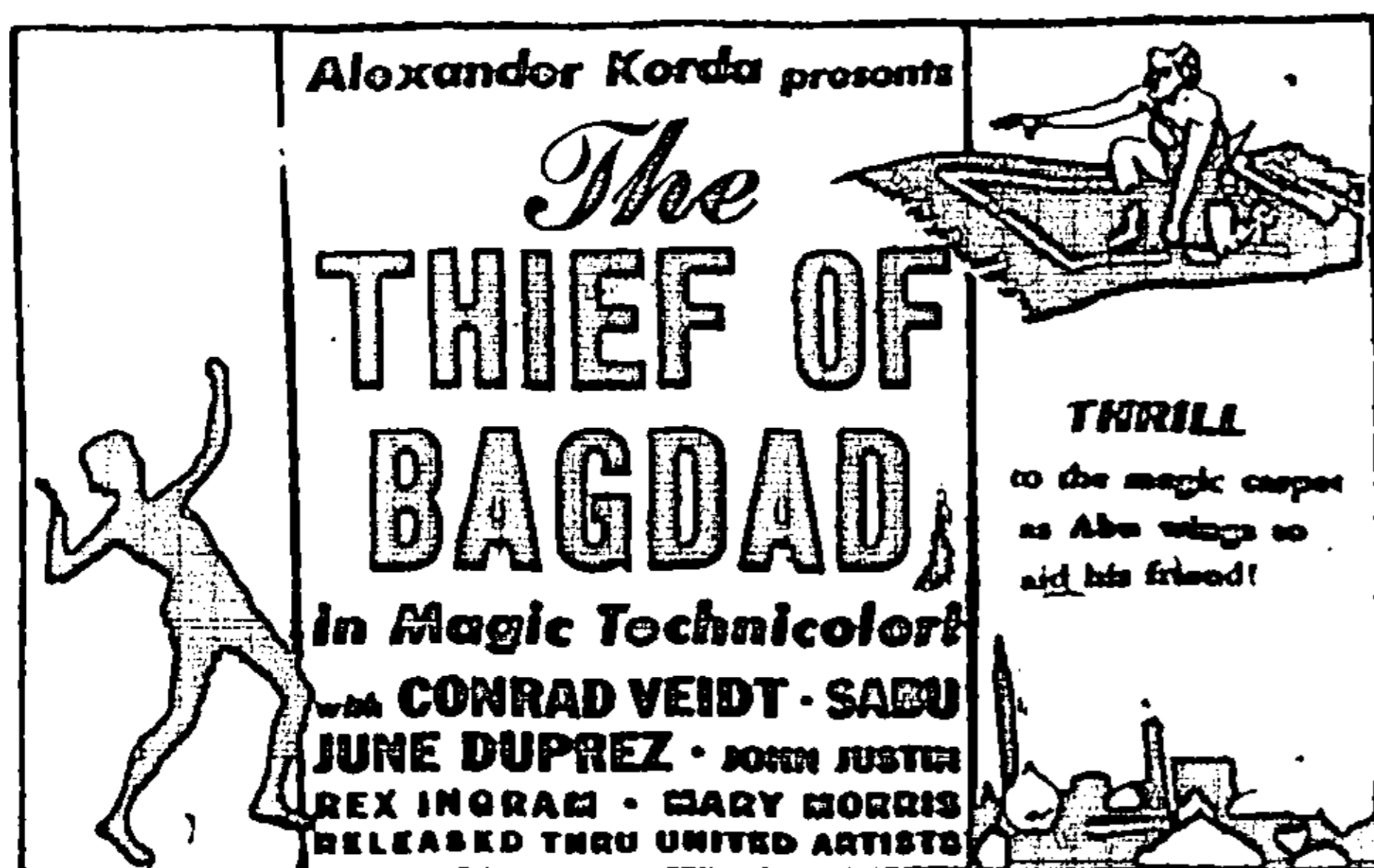
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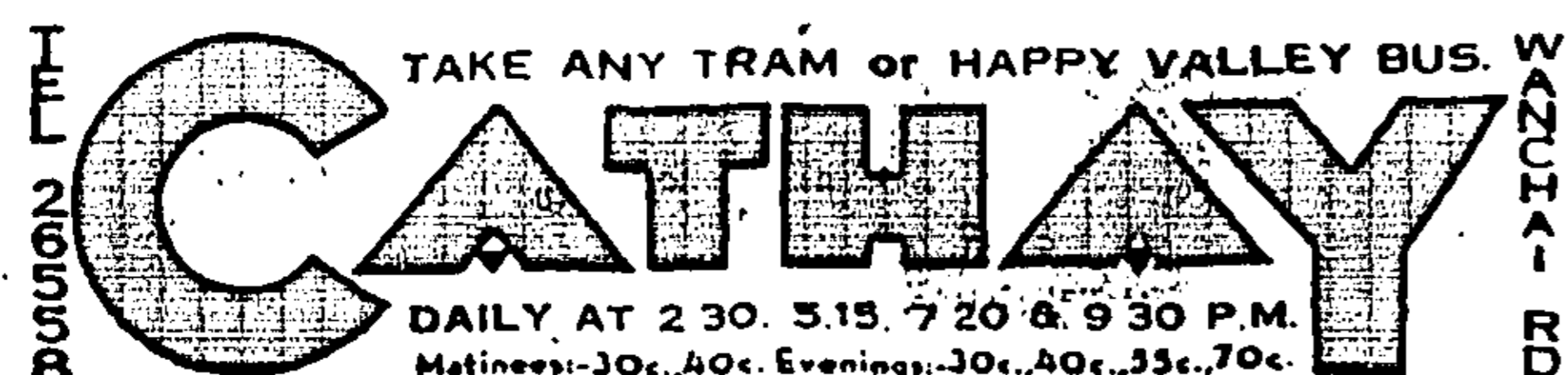
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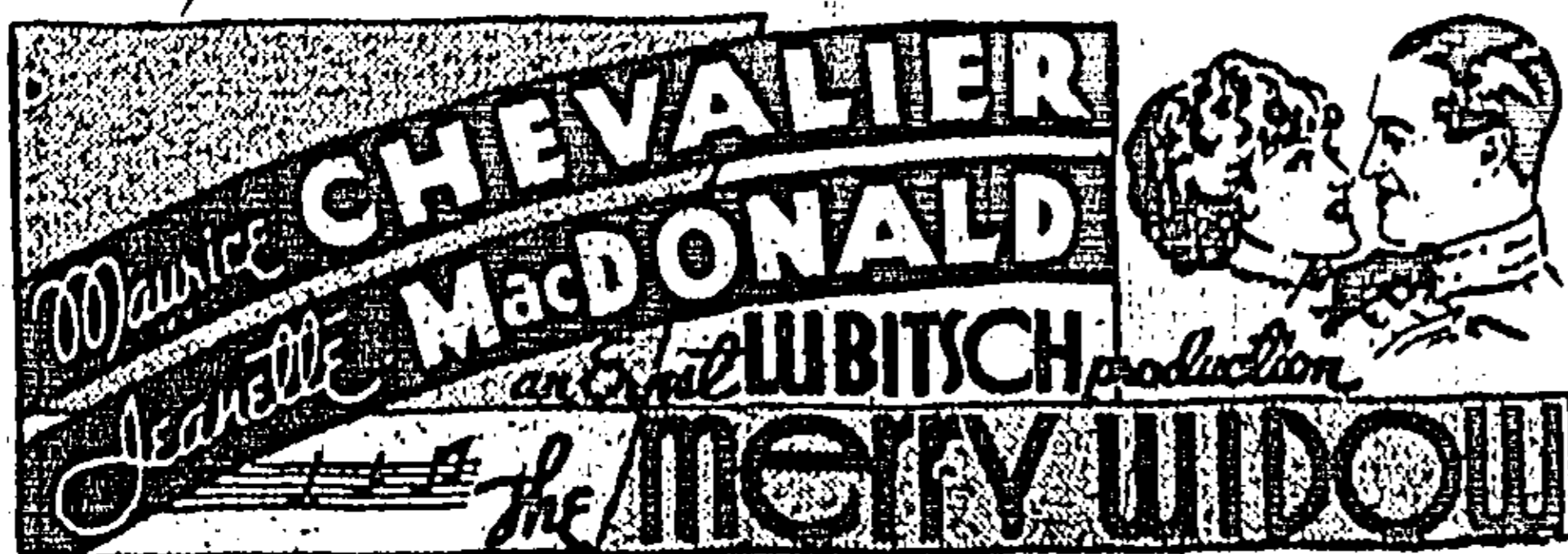
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GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN SYRIA: FACTS COMING TO LIGHT

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the
Imperial Troops in Syria)

HERR GROBA, German Minister in Bagh-
dad, returned to Syria after the Iraq rebel-
lion with two sacks of gold. When he reach-
ed a hotel in north Syria, the manager, porter
and another man were needed to carry one
sack to the bedroom.

This is but one of the amazing stories
told me by a British resident of Beirut who
has just finished five weeks' internment.

He also said the Germans even promised to
bring aviation fuel to Syria by submarine. This
was discovered when a telephone call from a pro-
minent Vichy official to Renoir, principal German
delegate in Aleppo, was overheard.

When the British entered Syria,
Renoir telephoned daily to a
leading member of the High
Commissioner's office, requesting
the latest news from the front.

Finally he came to Beirut
with a "petit personnel" to
make direct contact with Gen-
eral Dentz, and, after hearing
the latest reports, fled from the
country.

Blitzkrieg Scheme

There is no shadow of doubt
Germany had planned a blitz-
krieg on Syria in detail, aiming
at the complete occupation of
Syria and Lebanon, I learn from
Britons in Beirut, and the Bri-
tish action was not only timely
but desperately necessary.

I also learn that even after
the British penetration of Syria
and the end of the Iraq rebel-
lion, the Germans were still
pouring material into Syrian
aerodromes, copying the Bul-
garian infiltration.

At Aleppo aerodrome at least
60 officials were buying material
such as lorries, cars, radios and
furniture for officers' quarters.

Additional quarters had even
been reserved in the town for
extra staff.

Sudden Departure

Reason for the sudden depart-
ure of the Luftwaffe was given
by a remark by Colonel von
Mannteuffel on the aerodrome at
Aleppo while bidding farewell to
the Vichy staff.

He said: "We are going because
we don't want to give credence
to reports of a German occupa-
tion of Syria."

The German and Italian
Legations both left the coun-
try. I learn they are now
living in ancient Antioch, in
Turkey.

It is reported they are in a
state of perplexity, not knowing
what to do next. — Reuter.

GIRL IS MERCHANT MARINE OFFICER

A Kansas girl, who finished
high school without seeing a body
of water larger than a creek,
shook naval tradition by becom-
ing a staff officer of the United
States Merchant Marine.

The girl, Miss He'en Slaughter,
sailed as senior assistant purser
on the s.s. North America from
Chicago, carrying a certificate of
registry granted by Capt. Peter
G. Petterson, United States local
inspector of hulls, of the Bureau
of Marine Inspection and Naviga-
tion at Chicago.

She is believed to be the first
woman to be a staff officer of the
Merchant Marine.

For the last six summers Miss
Slaughter has worked on Great
Lakes cruise ships.

Taking Over In Syria

In Syria, said yester-
day's Cairo communique,
under the terms of the
Convention the Allies
have now occupied selec-
tive strategic points in
central and south-east
Syria.

The British and Indian troops,
whose rapid advance from Iraq
and Palestine was arrested only
when negotiations for the cessa-
tion of hostilities were initiated,
are now in progress of occupying
further positions in the northern
area.

The occupation of Beirut has
been completed and a cordial
reception accorded to the Allies
and particularly to the Australian
forces who have been in the
forefront of the advance in the
coastal sector. — Reuter.

BRITISH RESIDENTS RELEASED

Released British residents who
were interned by the Vichy Gov-
ernment when the Allies entered
Syria, returned to Damascus yester-
day morning in a transport
convoy.

A number of persons detained
on suspicion of doing intelligence
work for the Allies have also been
released. — Reuter.

CHANGES IN AMERICAN COMMANDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The War Depart-
ment in Washington
announces, without
explanation, seven-
teen important
changes in command.
It is believed that the
new assignments have
been made on the
basis of officers' work
during recent
manoeuvres. — Inter-
national News Service.

BOMBER SABOTAGE SUSPECTED

The unexplained per-
formance of a \$250,000
British Liberator bomber
that sideslipped into San
Diego Bay, causing fatal-
ities to four aviation ex-
perts, has aroused some
suspicion of sabotage.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
and company agents, investigating
the crash, awaited salvaging of
additional pieces of wreckage for
examination.

Failure of the controls apparent-
ly caused the crash of the great
camouflaged ship, of the type used
by the British to bomb Berlin.

Observers said the bomber took
off from Lindbergh Field easily
enough and climbed swiftly. Then
it suddenly slipped sideways into
the bay.

A spokesman for the Consoli-
dated Aircraft Company said
"evidences of sabotage" had
been discovered, but neither he
nor FBI men would discuss the
matter further.

British Purchasing Agent F. C.
Cooper said sabotage was a possi-
bility as the craft was about ready
to be turned over to the British.
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By BUD FISHER



PRESS STANDARDS HIGHER

Higher journalistic standards and better writing by reporters have developed in the last decade, say members of the Advisory Board of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

This was the conclusion drawn by the trade magazine Editor and Publisher from the answers to several questions it put to the advisory board members regarding the hundreds of entries they have reviewed annually before making recommendations for the Pulitzer prizes in journalism.

One board member, said the magazine noted a diminution of "what we used to call yellow journalism." Another said there probably was less muckraking now than formerly but a great mass of constructive campaigning.

Still another commented that columnists had made a substantial contribution to the present-day newspaper and, with their positive expressions of opinion, had offset the weakness of some papers.

EXPERT SCHEMES SHIP SPEED-UP

A SCHEME BY WHICH cargo ships of any size up to 10,000 tons can be built on the "moving belt" system in Australia, Canada, India, the U.S.A., or in this country has now been perfected by Dr. John Tutin, one of our foremost naval architects, writes a Home correspondent.

The practicability and advantage of the scheme, I understand, have already been endorsed enthusiastically by a number of prominent shipbuilders.

Sir Eustace Tennyson d'Eyncourt, a former Director of Naval Construction, has drawn up a detailed report on this scheme in which he states that "such a shipyard and engine works would, without difficulty, do the work of five or six ordinary yards of about the same size and on a more profitable basis."

Dr. Tutin's new type of shipyard, for which patent applications have been lodged, does away with launching.

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VIENNA GETS BACK ARMOUR

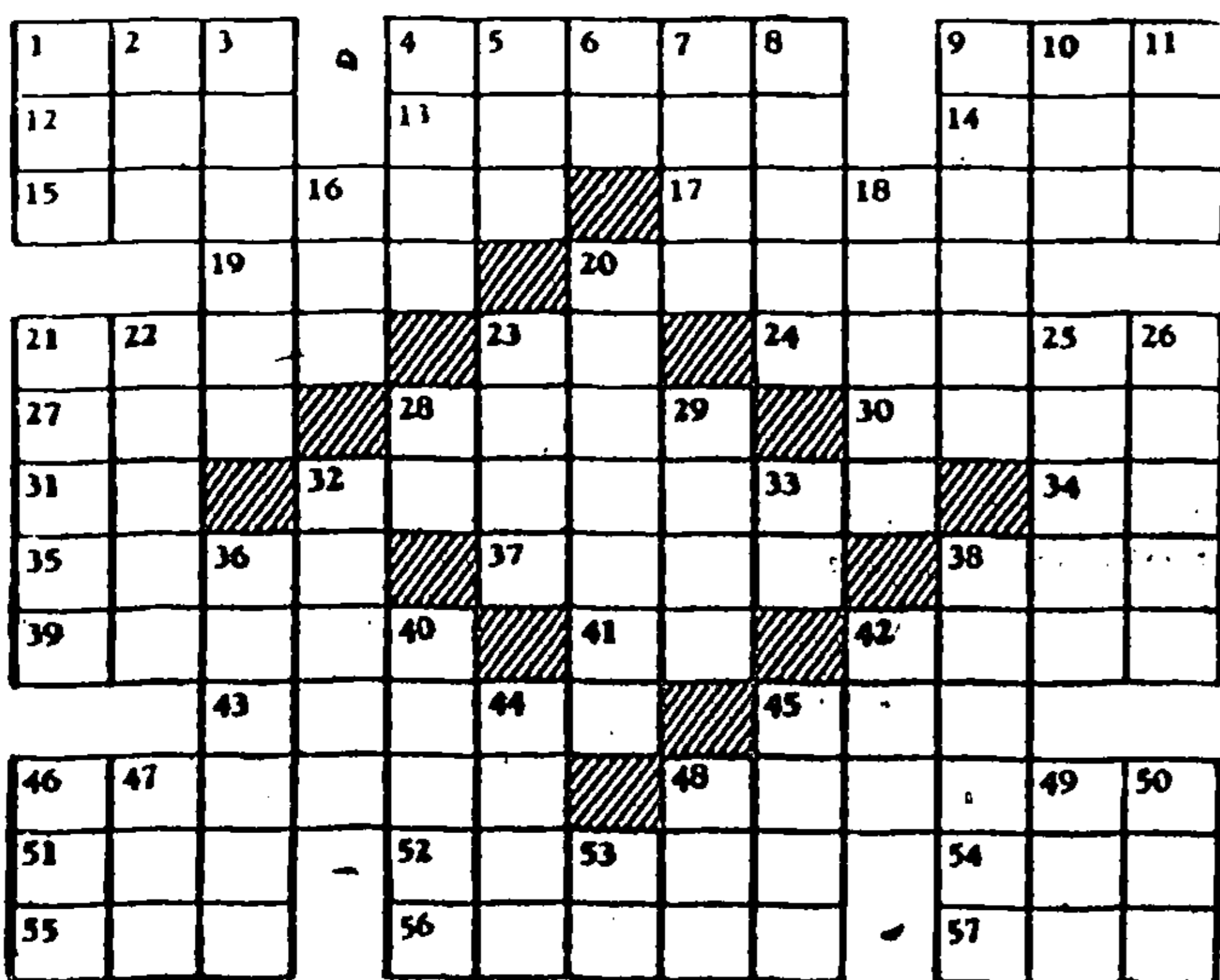
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- 9 Craze
- 12 Girl's name
- 13 Custom
- 14 Wing
- 15 Colloquial conversation
- 17 Hebrew prophet
- 19 Speck
- 20 Satan
- 21 Pitcher
- 23 Periodic windstorm
- 24 Compound ether
- 27 Hindu weight
- 28 Prefix against
- 30 Serf
- 31 Egyptian astral body
- 32 South American republic
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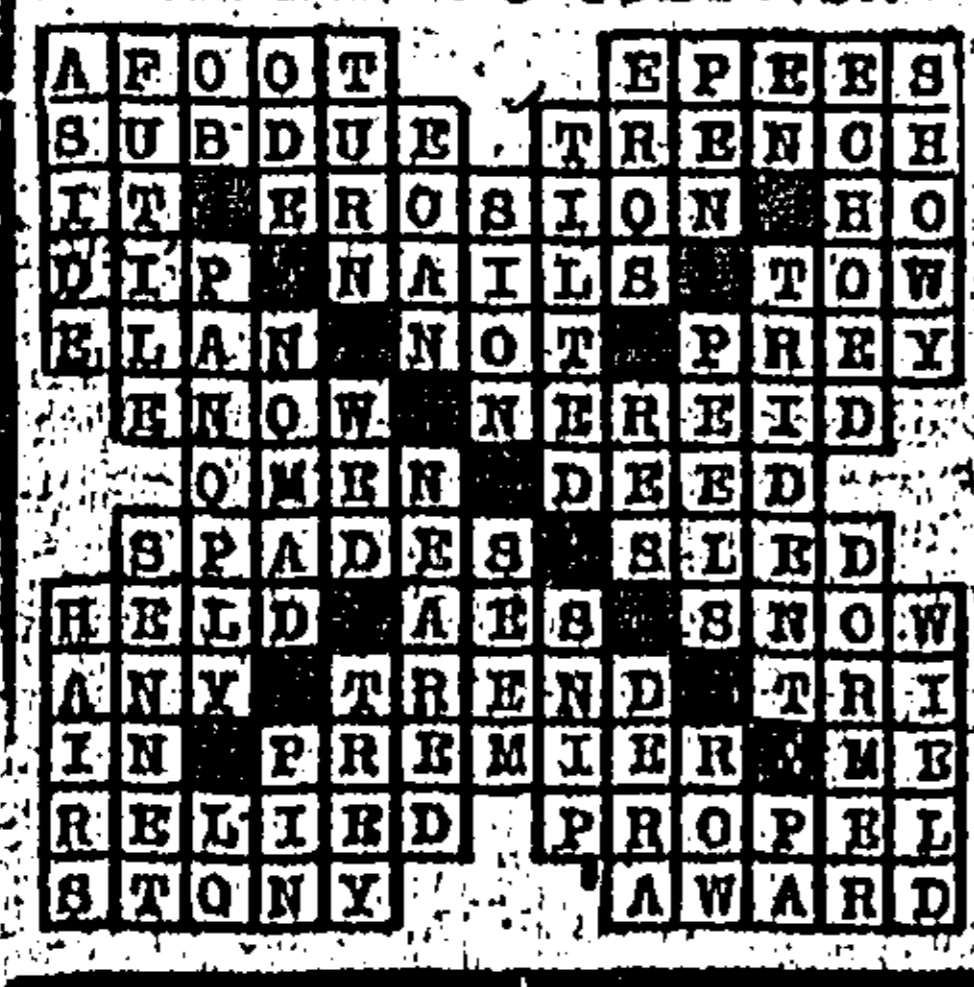
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- 1 Pouch
- 2 Commotion
- 3 Male goose
- 4 Mountain pass
- 5 To seize
- 6 Hebrew month
- 7 Sagacious
- 8 Cudgel

FOIBLES

- 10 Beverage
- 11 Split pulse
- 16 Because
- 18 Stingy person
- 20 Items
- 21 Glacial ridge
- 22 Tired
- 23 Burden
- 25 To follow
- 26 To rule
- 28 Symbol for actinium
- 29 Doing nothing
- 32 Devoured
- 33 Hawaiian bird
- 36 Gentle
- 38 Full of flares
- 40 To move stealthily
- 42 To fall behind
- 44 Russian ruler
- 45 Melody
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- 47 To acquire
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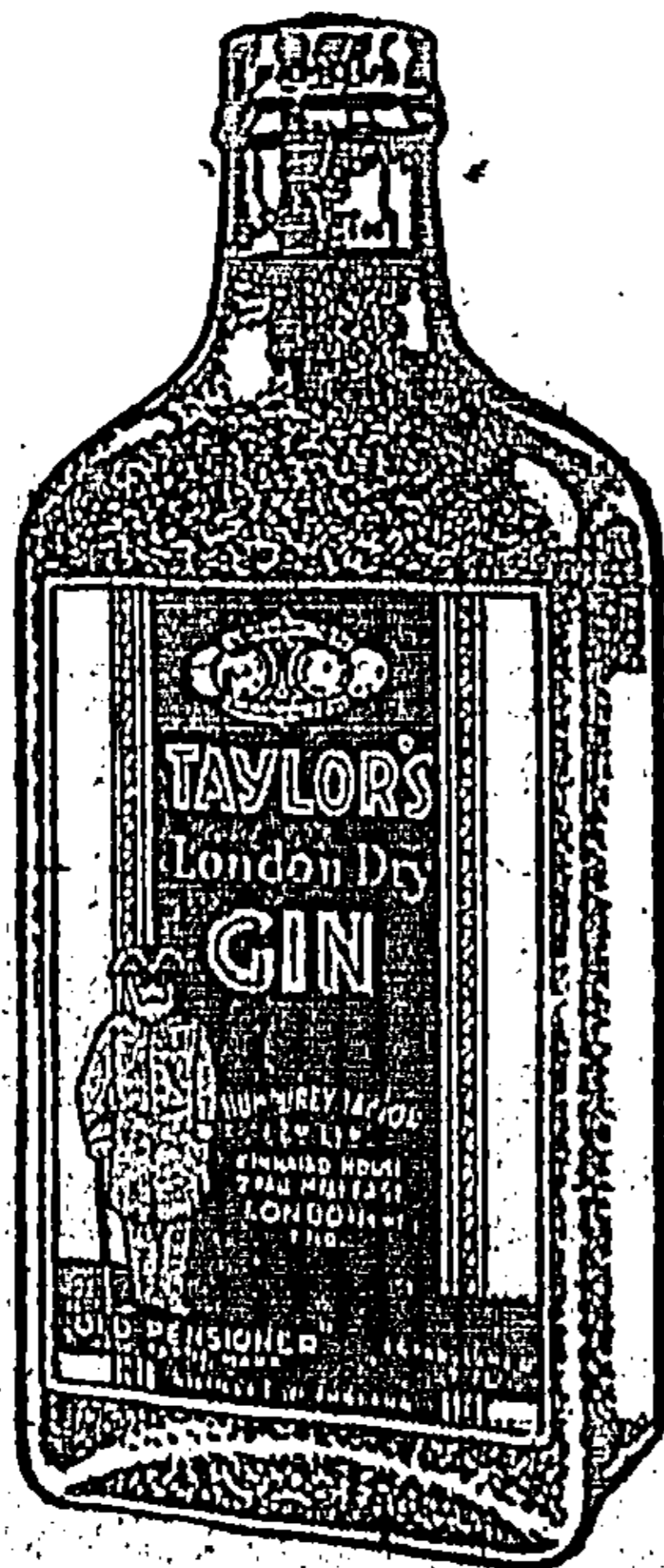
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DEVASTATING R.A.F. RAIDS ON HAMBURG

R.A.F. RAIDS ON Hamburg in May had a "devastating effect" in spite of elaborate anti-aircraft defence and camouflage precautions, according to a German-Jewish citizen who has just arrived in New York via Lisbon and whose name is withheld because members of his family are still in Germany.

His account of the destruction, based on personal observation and written for "The New York Times," follows:

"Reports reaching this country of actual damage done to German cities by R.A.F. raids are inaccurate and incomplete, to say the least. The Nazis have clamped down a strict censorship on such news, mentioning definite buildings only when it suits their purpose. The British, on the other hand, depend entirely on observation from the air which must, of necessity, be superficial.

"In Hamburg, which had greatly suffered from air raids before, the attacks in May had a devastating effect, and could not fail to affect the morale of the people. Thousands of children have been evacuated months ago to Vienna, Bavaria and other points south, and many of them may never see their parents again. Almost all wealthy Hamburgers have sent their families out of the city.

River Elbe Divides City

"In considering air raids on Hamburg one must keep in mind the layout of the city and its port. The two are separated by the River Elbe, the city proper being north, the port south of it. This makes it easy for bombers to pick out their principal objectives, and reduces the loss of civilian life to a minimum.

"Nevertheless, there are legitimate targets within the business and residential sections of the city, such as railroad stations, gas and electric power stations, minor industries and other establishments. Yet Hamburg has never been bombed indiscriminately as were London and other English cities.

"Anti-aircraft batteries, searchlights and barrage balloons are distributed throughout the city, and, naturally, the R.A.F. planes are trying to hit these. The civilian population realises this, and does not fall for Goebbels' clumsy propaganda which keeps on repeating the same old story that the R.A.F. is out to destroy workers' homes and hospitals. Only recently a small shack (value \$10) in the garden of a worker in an industrial suburb of Hamburg was hit. This incident was exploited by Goebbels in a long article appearing in all German papers as proof of 'plutocratic' Britain's aim to hurt the workers primarily.

The Doomed Man's Choice

"This little joke which people in Hamburg tell each other illustrates the effectiveness of the anti-aircraft guns: A man is condemned to death. As a last favour the judge permits him to select the method of his own execution. The condemned man answers: 'In that case I want to be shot by an anti-aircraft battery.'

"Since nobody is permitted to enter the port without a special pass, it is impossible for a civilian to give exact data regarding the damage done. But I know from conversations with those whose work takes them into that zone that it is considerable. However, most of the contents of warehouses have been removed to various places in the interior, so that the destruction of piers and warehouses no longer hampers the war effort.

"Blohm & Voss, one of the world's two foremost shipyards, has been mentioned repeatedly in British dispatches. In peacetime this shipyard turned out such great liners as the Europa, Majestic, Leviathan, Cap Arcona, New York, Hamburg, Albert Ballin, Deutschland, Milwaukee, Kungsholm and many others. Their latest major product was, of course, the battleship Bismarck. It is no exaggeration to say that Blohm & Voss constitutes one of the most vital objectives on the entire Continent, and I can report

that all their facilities have been damaged more or less severely. The U-boat construction bureau is completely burned out.

"Among the industrial targets hit were oil tanks of the Rhenanla and Schilneck companies in Harburg-Wilhelmsburg, the Bavaria brewery and gas works in Barmbeck.

Some Damage Summarised

"Damage to buildings within the city ranges from broken windows and burnt-out attics to total destruction. Here are some of the public buildings and better-known office buildings which were hit:

The Stock Exchange, Adolphs Platz, central section completely destroyed.

Deutsche Bank, Adolphs Platz, hit twice, half the building destroyed.

Hamburg American Line, Alsterdamm, roof burned out.

M. M. Warburg & Co., Ferdinand- and -strasse, slight damage. (The American Consulate is located in this building.)

Petri Church, Moenckbergstrasse, one part heavily damaged.

St. Georg Hospital, Lohmühlenstrasse, children's ward caved in.

Industriepalast, Caffamacherreihe, burned out completely.

Defaka Department Store (formerly Alsberg). Grosser Burstah, burned out completely.

One of the principal post-offices, Dammthorwall, severely demolished by direct hit.

The former Trade Union Building, now being used as an overnight lodging for soldiers in transit, Besenbinderhof, severely damaged.

Carl Schultze Theater, Reeperbahn, completely destroyed.

Levante Haus, Moenckbergstrasse, severely damaged.

Chile Haus, slightly damaged.

"The office building 'Deutscher Ring' (formerly D. H. V.), one of the tallest buildings in the city, on Karl Muck Platz, was severely damaged. The anti-aircraft battery and twenty soldiers stationed there were blown off the roof by the blast.

"Once the Moenckbergstrasse, Hamburg's principal business street, running from the main railway station to the City Hall, was closed to traffic for three days. Residential sections, such as Harvestehude, Hamm, Barmbeck and the adjoining town of Wandsbek, all had their share of damage.

"The damage done to windows, walls and doors by bombs exploded in the streets is tremendous, and experts state that the newer bombs believed by Germans to be American-made, are much more effective than the older British bombs. After the May attacks, for instance, no window was left in place around the main railroad station, on Stephans Platz and on Adolf Hitler Platz.

"Belgian glass factories are reported to work overtime in order to replace windows broken in Germany.

"It happened repeatedly that fences built with surprising speed around houses destroyed by bombs were marked in the morning with chalk 'Dibs alles verdankt wir uns dem Fuehrer' (We have to thank our Fuehrer for all this).

"Bursting water mains frequently flood air-raid shelters, thus drowning those who sought refuge there. Sometimes several days have passed before the bodies could be recovered.

Changing The Landscape

"The latest trick to which the Nazis resorted as a means to mislead the R.A.F. has been quite amusing to the people of Ham-

AFRAID TO RAID BY DAY

German pilots dare not cross England in daylight, except by stealth through heavy clouds, and many of those who do are "hopped up" with narcotics, Flying Officer James G. Flaherty said in an interview in Toronto.

Flaherty, a member of the first contingent of flyers, trained under the commonwealth air-training plan, to go overseas, said German pilots sheer away from combat when they are 100 miles from the English coast and officers shoot their crews when a plane crashes, in order to prevent them from giving information.

Flaherty, twenty-seven years old, and a native of Toronto, has returned for further duty in the training plan after making forty operational flights with his Royal Air Force Squadron.

Ex-P.C. JOSLING'S £1,643

Vindicated, seven years after being dismissed from the Metropolitan Police and granted £1,500 compensation, Mr. Horace Robert Josling, who later became headmaster of Wem Church of England Junior School, Salop, left £1,643 13s 10d (net, £1,573 18s. 6d.)

The River Alster looks like a big lake in the centre of the city, and is one of the unforgettable sights of Hamburg. A natural landmark, it helps pilots in their orientation. A bridge, the Lombardsbrücke, divides it into a smaller, almost square part, called Binnen Alster (Inner Alster), and a very large part, called Assen Alster (Outer Alster). The Lombardsbrücke is a very important traffic artery, carrying, as it does, railways, street car lines and ordinary street traffic. On the opposite side of the Binnen Alster is the Jungfernstieg, one of the world's famous promenades.

"It will come as a great shock to those who have visited Hamburg in former years to know that the Binnen Alster has now been 'liquidated' (or rather the contrary). Piles have been driven into the ground, and the entire Binnen Alster has been covered with wooden planks. Little wooden houses as well as trees have been set up on these planks so as to give the whole thing the appearance of just another part of the city, rather than a stretch of water. The natives call it 'das Negerdorf.' The Lombardsbrücke has been made to appear like a pseudo-Jungfernstieg, even to the extent of a wooden replica of the Alster-Pavillon. A wooden bridge was built farther into the Assen Alster to simulate the Lombardsbrücke.

"The main railway station has likewise been camouflaged so as to give the impression of a hill with grass and trees.

"Smaller cities, such as Kiel and Emden, have suffered even more than Hamburg. In Emden, with a normal population of 35,000, several thousand have been killed, and some 20,000 whose homes have been destroyed had to be evacuated.

"Kiel has been damaged considerably. The entire district of Gaarden, where the shipyards are, has been reduced to rubble. More than 5,000 workers have been evacuated into the suburbs, and have to commute to the city every day as soon as work can be resumed in the shipyards. Some 120 houses were destroyed or burned out in residential districts, so that wealthy people often went to Neumuenster and other neighbouring towns for the night."



RESPITE

June was a quiet month in England. During the whole of what is usually England's best month, a month of clear days and short nights, the alarm siren was sounded in London only seven times. There were no air raids at all. Tired Londoners slept in their beds. In the long twilights they walked in the Green Park and rowed in the Serpentine as if life were normal again. For a few weeks the nightmare lifted and they had the first calm interval since the aerial war began last September to count the scars on the ravaged face of the intrepid Old Lady on the Thames.

The Germans had their worst month, pounded night after night and latterly by day by the growing forces of the R.A.F., but London enjoyed a complete respite and the rest of England suffered only sporadic raids, of constantly diminishing intensity. Over the whole country, the toll of casualties dropped from 5,300 killed in May to no more than 399 killed in June.

This relief was somewhat puzzling until the attack on Russia started.

The Germans have never engaged in two major engagements at the same time. The slowing-down of the bombing of Britain began during the Balkan campaign and gave rise to the suspicion that the Luftwaffe is not big enough for a grand-scale offensive on two fronts. This suspicion is confirmed by the near paralysis of the Nazi air arms in the West while the bombers and Stukas are attempting to blast a way for the German advance in the East.

It looks very much as if Hitler does not bomb England and Russia simultaneously because he cannot. If he could dispose of those thousands and thousands of 'planes he has conjured up to impress the world with a picture of illimitable air reserves, his logical strategy would be to use them without limit before British and American production reaches the peak. The truth must be that he has not the forces for this double drive. London's quiet June which has persisted into the first fortnight of July despite the thousands of tons of bombs dropped on the Rhineland, Bremen and Hanover, is not accident or reprieve; rather it marks



NOT WHAT HE ORDERED.

From Madrid To Vichy

This is the sixth of a series of articles by the distinguished French dramatist, Henry Bernstein, edited by the Vichy government.

After Munich, September, 1938, what we have called Petainism slept again. France was aroused from her apathy, and there was a surge of self-respect and national interest which extended even to those who felt convinced that it was impossible to go to war at the time because of the disorganisation of the French Army, the weakness of French and English aviation and English indifference to the fate of Czechoslovakia.

Industrialists and others who, up to that time, had been strongly opposed to war moved suddenly into the camp of resistance. Daladier, who had accepted Munich as a necessity, became head of the party of resistance to Germany. In the face of this abrupt shift on the part of the people Laval dropped discreetly into the background, and Marshal Petain once more adopted a sphinx-like attitude.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies violent demands were made for the return of Tunisia, Corsica and, eventually, of Nice to Italy. French response to these demands had been indignant protests and mockery, and in January Daladier started on a speaking tour of our North African empire, where he was received, particularly in Tunisia, with great enthusiasm.

Daladier's trip and his success proved extremely annoying to the Petain-Laval clan. "It would be a crime," the marshal declared, "to antagonise Italy."

One is at a loss to know why France should have trembled at this time before Italy. If there was not a pro-French majority in Italy, there was an immense anti-German majority, which included the King, the Pope, many politicians and almost all the people. Had France, when war broke out, placed Italy in a position of having to choose between Germany and France, Mussolini would hardly have dared uphold the Axis. And if he had, events since then have indicated clearly that an Italian campaign would

the limits of Nazi air power—and the measure of British and American opportunity.

have been nothing more than a military march which would have brought our troops to Rome, and perhaps to the Brenner Pass.

In April, 1939, Marshal Petain was appointed French Ambassador to Madrid, where, after a rather awkward beginning, he was treated with the greatest respect by General Franco and his brother-in-law, Senor Sener, who gave lavish dinner parties for him. The man who maintained such cautious reserve in his own country, who prudently refused to commit himself, grew more expansive on foreign soil. And while he represented his country abroad, he seemed bent on destroying its dignity and respect for its politicians. He derided French politicians in such terms that he shocked the more moderate Spanish Fascists. He often

By Henry Bernstein

quoted passages from articles by Charles Maurras in the "Action Francaise" which insulted the French ministers then in power, mud-slinging articles which, indorsed by our ambassador, were harmful to our prestige as a nation abroad.

Marshal Petain one day told a visitor that he had not been sent to Spain to run errands, but to create an atmosphere sympathetic to France. This point of view would have been acceptable if:

1. Instead of creating this atmosphere Marshal Petain had not dally, by a dozen different means, lowered the prestige of his government in the eyes of the Spaniards.

2. If Marshal Petain had agreed to have an important diplomat to handle affairs between the two countries. But the marshal always opposed that.

He sent empty reports to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, although they were always written with the utmost courtesy. To M. Alexis Leger, permanent Under Secretary of State, he sent more confidential and cordial reports. Always when the marshal went to Paris he spent an hour at M. Leger's office, discussing matters freely. When the capitulation brought the marshal into power

his first act was to deprive his friend Alexis Leger of his French citizenship, his crime having consisted of upholding without weakness the foreign policy of France and of having remained pro-English, anti-Nazi, anti-Fascist.

One of the first acts of Marshal Petain, as French Ambassador to Madrid, was to establish a warm friendship with General Stohrer, the German Ambassador, which continued with equal cordiality after war broke out in September, 1939. Newspaper photographs have shown them side by side.

There can be no doubt that from this time on the marshal considered the submission of France to a new European order, commanded by the Germans, to be the only possible—or desirable—result. He represented, however, only a feeble minority in France. The outbreak of war in September found a fine spirit in the country. Efforts to rearm France had been strenuous in 1939. Germany had not yet built the seventy-ton tanks with which she was to break our positions in May, 1940. I questioned a number of soldiers who were starting out for the front. They all believed in victory. The spirit of the people was such, indeed, that Germany dared not attack the French Army until it had been exposed to eight months of propaganda and allowed to rot under the influence of insidious Petainism.

At this time Daladier, who was President of the Council, held two portfolios, being at the same time Minister of War and Minister of Foreign Affairs. Patriot to the bottom of his heart, Daladier was basically so indecisive that both departments were suffering from his fundamental weakness. In December, 1940, he realised that he was being sharply criticised for holding the two principal portfolios when one alone was a staggering job for a man in war time. In order to keep the portfolios he worked out a strange combination. He would appoint two vice-presidents of the Council, Marshal Petain and Herriot—two political adversaries, one man from the Right, the other from the Left—who would have a sort of supervisory power, the first over the War Department, the second over Foreign Affairs. Petain came hastily from Madrid and accepted on the spot.

After accepting Daladier's offer, however, Petain talked to Laval (Continued on Page 10)

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MR. ROOSEVELT'S announcements of more active participation by the United States in the policing of the Atlantic Ocean, and the speeches of Colonel Knox and Mr. Cordell Hull, have aroused much anger in Germany. Mr. Roosevelt is violently attacked as a warmonger; for instance by the "Borsen Zeitung":—

"As heretofore attempts will be made by Jewish tricks, trivial precedence cases, and 'faits accomplis' to obliterate frontiers, encroach upon legal rights, and little by little to accustom the American people to the idea of the passage of American merchant, and naval ships through the war zone.

"We must hereby establish the fact that the President seeks perils far from American shores and deliberately endeavours to provoke episodes. It is not war that is moving towards America, but the President who is running after war."

The German Press, of course, proclaims in unison that to influence the result of the war is beyond the power of the United States. The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" says:—

"It is time every American knew what awaits his country's shipping and the products of her armaments industry if Roosevelt's plans mature. . . . Whatever these may be they will lead to only one result: the most swift and sure imaginable sinking of American ships, because German arms bar every route between America and England."

This ostentatious belief in the impotence of the United States does not, however, preclude a good deal of speculation on the forms that Anglo-American co-operation may take. Mr. Clarence Streit, the chief American exponent of the idea of international federation, is about to publish an English edition of his newest book, in which he proposes an immediate federal union of the United States and the British Empire on much the same lines as were once proposed by Mr. Churchill to France. This publication lends topical interest to some comments by Count Paul Toggenburg, in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," on the progress of the federal movement in America. He writes that even before the war, behind all the intellectual talk on "union now," influential people in the City and the clubs were hatching the idea of pooling England's positions of world power with America, thus secretly preparing against the eventuality of an eclipse of British Imperialism. Jewish banking firms in the City became enthusiastic supporters of the movement, which was also secretly subsidised by American circles. The Christian Science movement was one of its main propaganda centres, and Mr. Mallory Brown, of the "Christian Science Monitor," a typical exponent of unscrupulous American Realpolitik, a prime mover. This movement for union had now gained actuality through Mr. Churchill's war policy and Mr. Willkie's recent visit to England had been in the nature of a test to gauge how prepared the English masses were to accept it. His subsequent visit to Canada was undertaken more openly in the role of inspector for the great liquidation of the British Commonwealth.

The Weakening Crown

The movement to hand over the Empire in subjection to the United States is connected, it appears, with the ambition of the minister Mr. Churchill to reduce the King to a puppet of his political schemes. His Majesty's reception of the new American Ambassador at the railway station, on his first arrival, and the personal audience given to General de Gaulle are for some reason regarded as evidence of this tendency. Conservative circles in England, we learn from the "Stettiner General-Anzeiger," look on them as a sign that "the importance of the Eng-

lish Crown as a stabilising factor has decisively decreased. Under the influence of war the power of the Crown is visibly weakening. In native Conservative circles in Great Britain this development is followed with the deepest emotion, especially because it is recognised that English customs are more and more being over-shadowed by the once despised American world. Thus the last obstacle is disappearing to the adoption of the course steered by Churchill in obedience to American interests and to the transition of the British Empire into the zone of power of the United States."

A different view is taken by the "Kölnische Zeitung," which holds that an Anglo-American Anschluss, far from being a humiliating transition of the British Empire would create a formidable combination, from which the British partner might be the chief gainer. Quoting from the report of a Berlin bank, this journal writes:—

The Ottawa treaties between the various members of the Empire offer a suitable framework for commercial cooperation with the United States. The entry of the American economy into this commercial-political bloc would have the effect of considerably extending the internal market of all member countries and would give the bloc a unique weight in its relations with third countries. . . . A currency union would be an important and almost unavoidable outcome of economic union. In present-day circumstances clearly England would benefit most from this. The greater part of British dollar and gold reserves has been used up in payments to America up to the end of 1940, so that currency union would mean the salvation of the pound."

The recent announcement of the constitution of civil courts to deal with offences committed in time of invasion is perhaps the basis, it is said, required, for a sensational story reported by the Chicago correspondent of the "Angriff."

According to this gentleman it has become necessary to set up Courts-martial at Plymouth because the competent authorities are utterly powerless to cope with the plundering bands.

The need for civil Courts-martial (sic) in districts raided by the Luftwaffe is alleged to have caused a great shock to public opinion in the United States, which was totally unprepared for such measures. British official reports having always insisted that on the morrow of an air-raid life invariably resumed its usual routine. This suggestion of an English relapse into savagery is no doubt intended as a foil to Ley's rosy picture in the same paper of the future of the German worker under National Socialism. The so-called Labour Front Service, such as was used in building the Westwall, is to be a

model for the whole future status of German labour. By conferring recognition for distinguished service at the place of work a new type of workman will be created, constituting a step upward from the proletarian to the master worker. If, in addition, workers are safeguarded against old age, healthily housed, and paid a just wage, the German worker will be truly transformed into a master-being, who in the

Rt. Rev. Norman S. Binsted, D.D., former Bishop of the Diocese of Tohoku in Japan, is expected in the Colony to-day.

Bishop Binsted left Japan last Spring when the new regulations governing religious bodies went into effect. Since that time he has been in charge of the work of the American Episcopal Church in the Philippine Islands with headquarters in Manila.

Bishop Binsted, who graduated from the University of Virginia and the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia, was Consecrated Bishop in 1928. By right of his seniority as Bishop he will occupy the chair of the presiding bishop at the Consecration on Tuesday of Dean Wilson, Bishop-Designate of Singapore.

It is not known at this time how long Bishop Binsted will remain in Hong Kong or what engagements, other than the Consecration, he will be able to fill while here. It is hoped that he may occupy the pulpit at the Cathedral on Sunday morning, July 20.

near future will enjoy with his family a well-earned leisure in the Volkswagen, touring a greater and lovelier Germany as a full-grade citizen, able proudly to declare, "This is my fatherland belonging to me the German worker."

Teuton Pioneers

The Volkswagen will, of course, not be limited by the frontiers of European Germany (or German Europe); and in more than one German university there is intensive study of colonial administration, with an eye to future responsibilities of the master race. Historical research has also been busy. In the "Deutsche Kolonial Zeitung" a Dr. Krumbach records the unexpected conclusion, that "during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries German intellect provided the impulse and continues to furnish the most powerful aid for those, who set out on voyages of discovery."

The natural inference that these Teuton pioneers went as stowaways (since their presence seems to have been unnoticed by such master mariners as Columbus, Cabot, and Drake) would be hasty.

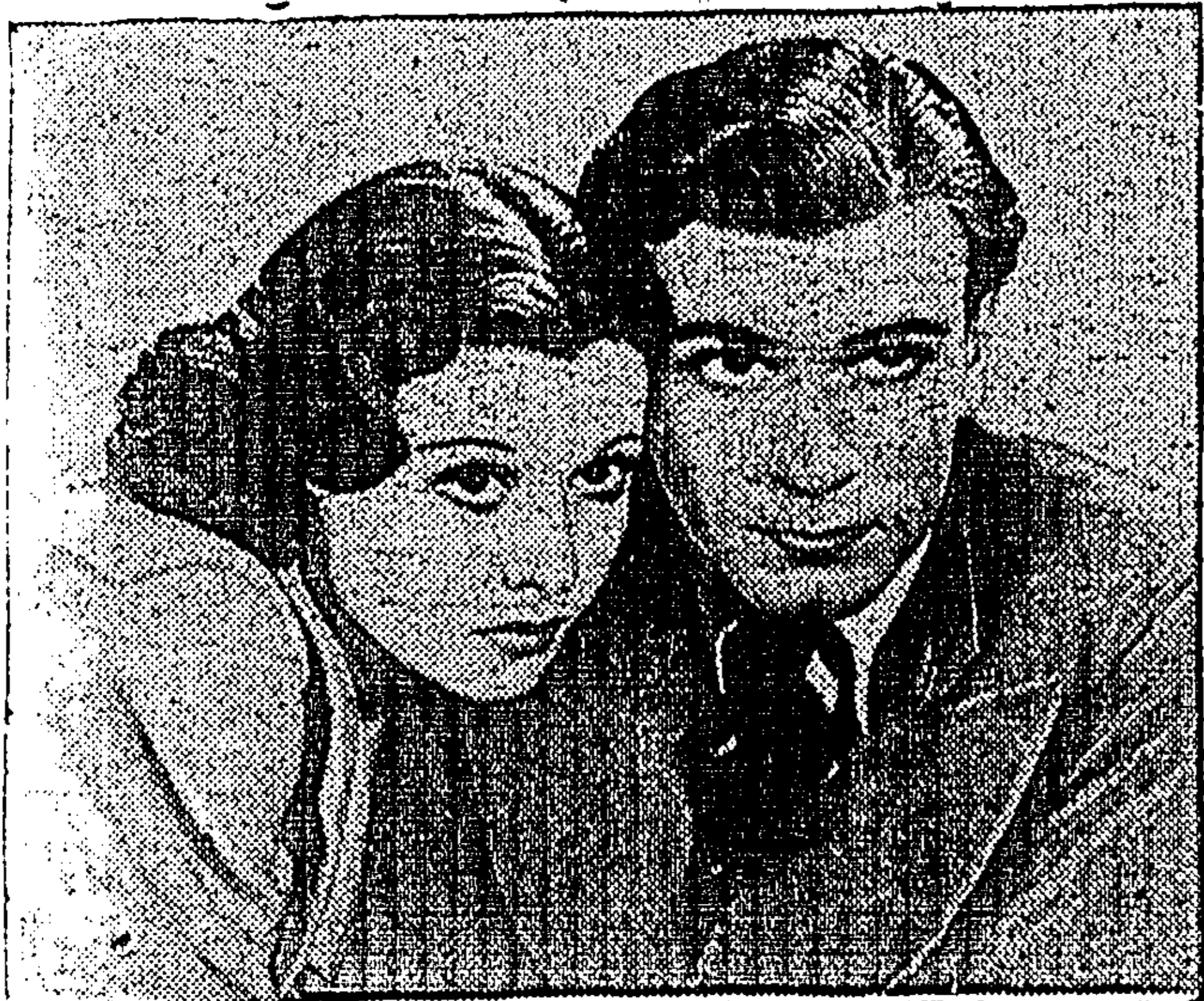
On reading further we find the claim supported merely by such facts as that a German, bearing the characteristic Nordic name of Valentin Fernandez, "reprinted the reports of the Italian Marco Polo." What really happened, apparently, is that the German explorers, potentially the discoverers of the whole new continents, withdrew from a world too naughty for them.

In the early days of colonial trading, when ability and performance mattered, the Hansa towns did a lively trade. They were pushed into the background when piracy and speculation took the place of honest performance, and when England transformed the merchant into an adventurer. For the English could compete only by replacing performance by crime and piracy. The mandatory system is but the latest instance of these methods."

This piracy of the Elizabethans was perhaps due to an upswelling of the base blood in England. Some perturbation was at one time caused in Germany by the outbreak of war with another supposedly Nordic nation. But the ingenious Dr. Ley has explained it in the "Angriff."

"Whereas Germany is racially speaking . . . one absolute entity, in England only the upper class is Nordic while the English people are Celtic. The upper class as the conqueror has, however, avoided mixing with the Celts; England is therefore racially completely divided into two classes."

It is only to be regretted that the Nordic in Germany sometimes fail in appreciation of their own majestic purity of race. A saddening report comes to "Deutsche Justiz" to the effect that "many owners of Aryansed concerns still consider that the old Jewish name attracts custom and continue to use it." This undesirable state of affairs, says the paper, must end.



Three weeks of marital happiness are shared by lovely Vivien Leigh and handsome Laurence Olivier, exciting and glamorous screen stars in Columbia's exciting new drama, "21 Days Together." And then, when the time comes, Olivier must surrender himself to the police who want him for murder! This is the absorbing narrative which is told at the King's Theatre, where "21 Days Together," the story of a great love, is being screened to-morrow. Leslie Banks is also starred in the film, which is based upon a John Galsworthy novel.

GERMANS GUNNED BRITISH TROOPS ON RAFTS

(From A Special Correspondent)

BEHIND THE EARLIER Admiralty announcement of the sinking of the destroyers Diamond and Wryneck during the Greek evacuation operations, lies a story of savage and methodical machine-gunning by six Junkers 88's of hundreds of survivors struggling in the water or unarmed and at the mercy of the Nazis in ship's boats.

Diamond was hit twice by bombs and turned over and sank in a few minutes. She had about 700 soldiers aboard who managed to scramble on to Carley floats. None of her officers was seen again.

Wryneck, whose captain, Cmdr. Douglas Lane, I knew well, was also hit, but, before she sank, was able to launch a whaler and several Carley floats. Lane, with two sub-lieutenants, was last seen hanging on to one float.

They refused to climb on while there were soldiers still scrambling in the water. The night became bitterly cold, and Lane said: "I am going to go now; I cannot hang on longer." One of his seamen, though wounded by a bomb splinter, grabbed him and held him up to the water for a time. Lane said to him, "Well done. If we ever get out of this I must recommend you." In the morning, however, Lane, his officers and the wounded seamen were seen to have vanished.

Grim Episode

This is only typical of hundreds of heroic stories which could be told of this grim episode in the Greek evacuation.

It began in the early hours of April 27 when a merchantman carrying troops was bombed and set on fire.

Diamond and Wryneck were ordered back to pick up survivors. Diamond rescued some 700 and Wryneck a smaller number. Both vessels then drew off from the blazing transport to let Diamond torpedo and sink her. In flames, as she was, she presented a beacon to enemy aircraft prowling by night.

Their work completed, both destroyers were hurrying away with their survivors when they reported, about mid-morning, that they were being attacked by enemy aircraft.

Survivors relate that six Junkers 88 came down and divided up, three going for each destroyer with low-level bombing attacks.

Murderous Fire

Despite the speed with which the destroyers sank, many hundreds of survivors managed to get

on to Carley floats, and many others were being hauled aboard when the Nazis came right down on the water, mowing down survivors with a murderous fire as they lay packed and helpless without their arms in these floats.

TAG DAY TO-MORROW

The Tag Day organised by The China Defence League to raise funds for the International Peace Hospitals in China, which are entirely dependent for funds and medical supplies by contributions from abroad, is to take place to-morrow.

The first I.P.H. centre was established at Wutaishan, North Shansi, by the late Dr. Norman Bethune, a Canadian surgeon and blood-transfusion specialist, who came out to China and volunteered to work among the scattered guerilla detachments in the North. At that time, they were entirely without medical aid of any sort.

To-day, the International Peace Hospitals are four in number — one at Wutai, one in South Shansi, one in North Shensi, and one in Anhwei — and they are meeting a need of the utmost importance by providing medical services in isolated war areas.

The need for further funds and supplies is urgent, and by giving generously to-morrow, the public will know that they are helping one man in China who is only too often forgotten or neglected—the wounded guerilla fighter in areas deep behind the Japanese lines of advance.

Any private donation or contribution to this fund may be sent to Miss M. Dudley, 72 Dina House, Hong Kong; and will be very gratefully received by the committee of The China Defence League.

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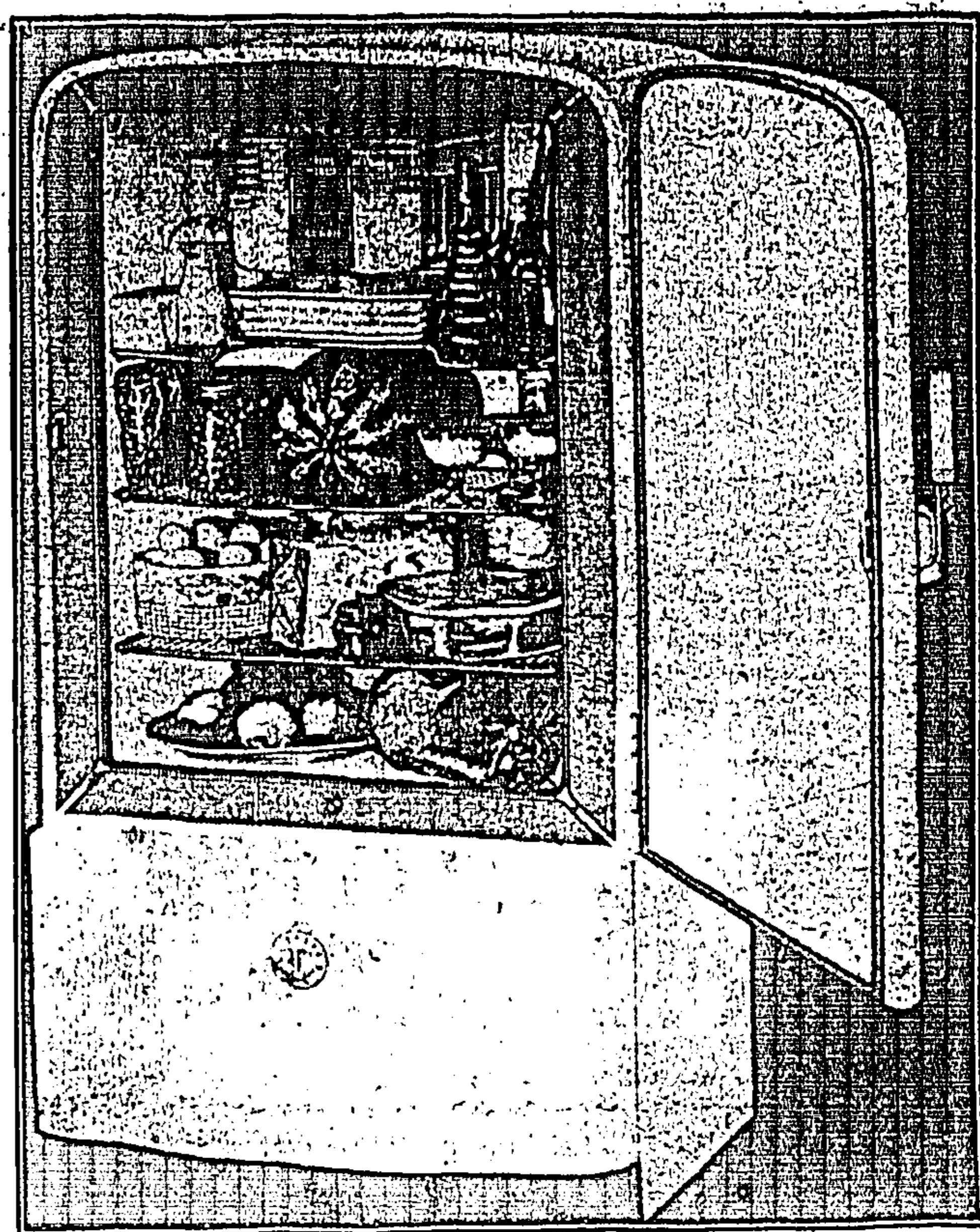
General Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson, Commander-in-Chief Western Command, wants the Home Guard to know how to deal with paratroops. But instead of a dry-as-dust lecture, he has arranged for the Western Command Repertory Co. to give a play, "Up Guards and at 'Em."

Not satisfied with this, they next sprayed the sea, where larger knots of men could be seen floating in their lifeboats, and only left off the slaughter of their helpless victims when they had apparently run out of ammunition.

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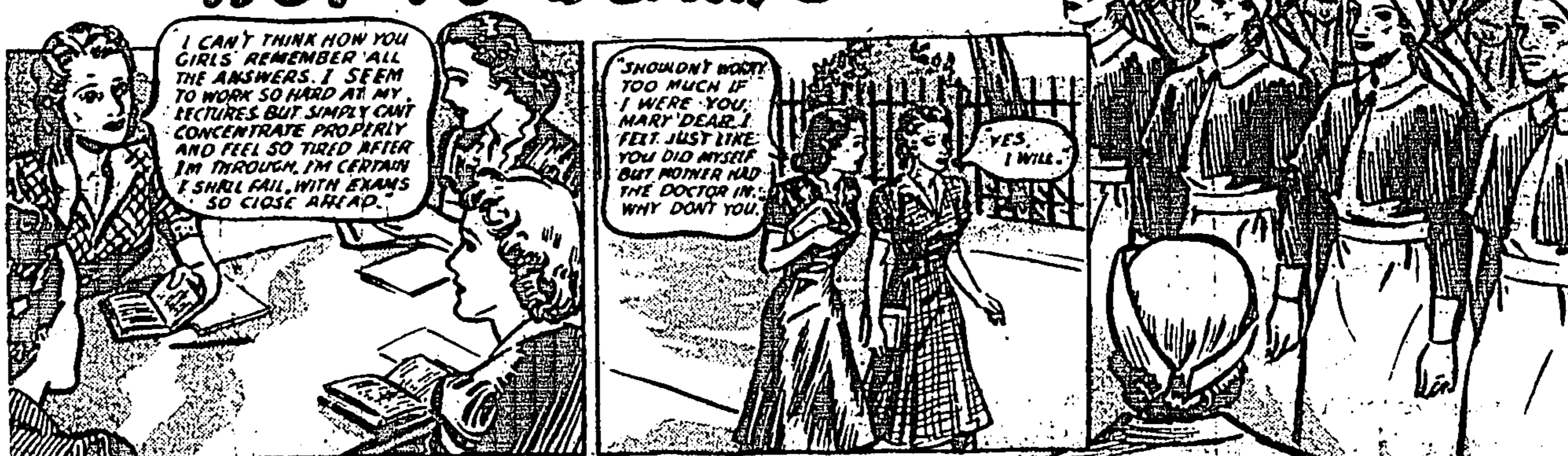
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FROM MADRID TO VICHY

(Continued from Page 7)

and returned to Daladier with a counter-proposition. Daladier was to be President of the Council without portfolio, Petain was to be Minister of War and Laval was to be Minister of Foreign Affairs. As for Herriot, the great leader of the Left, liberal, anti-Nazi and pro-English, he was to be excluded from the combination or must be satisfied with the Ministry of Justice.

The combination fell through, and Marshal Petain returned to his post in Madrid. "While he represented his country, now at war with Germany, the French Embassy in Madrid became a gathering place for pacifists. Back and forth, from Petain to Laval, went a constant procession of politicians, and slowly, through France, filtered the idea of a "Petain peace."

What was happening in the French Embassy in Madrid and who were the willing messengers between Petain and Laval? Among the men who made the pilgrimage to the Marshal were:

Francois Pietri, who is to-day Ambassador to Madrid and a staunch supporter of the new order. M. Pietri is a Corsican who represented Corsica in the Chamber of Deputies. Until the war he always claimed to be a liberal who was criticised for having too Leftist tendencies. But at Bordeaux, about June 20 that is, in the darkest days of the defeat it was a surprise to hear him say that Corsica belonged to Italy and that there could be no discussion on the point. To-day, in Madrid, he is hunting at the cessation of a part of French Morocco to Spain. It is through his kindly intercession that Spanish political refugees in France are being turned over to the Government of General Franco.

Senator Lemery, Petain and Laval had made him Minister of Justice in the Doumergue Cabinet. Since then he had served as liaison agent between his two masters.

Fernand de Brinon, the great friend of the German agent, Abetz. He had the merit of frankness, compared with his companions, and openly declared himself to be pro-Nazi.

Gustave Herve, the ex-anarchist, anti-militarist, whose pamphlets now called for Petain, hailing him in advance—as the savior of France.

Loustaureau-Lacan, of the Cagoulards affairs, of which Marshal Petain had been so blissfully unaware, went to Madrid to see the marshal.

The effect of all this going to

and fro was felt as talk of a "Petain peace" grew widespread. It was in the mouth of all the reactionaries; of all the appeasers; of all the people who thought it impossible to beat Germany; of all those who, falling into the German trap, thought the Communist danger more pressing than that of Nazism. It was in the mouth, too, of a group of semi-mystics who believed that only a defeat could regenerate France. One wonders what they think today of France's regeneration.

One could follow the effect of this incessant talk on the little people, returning on leave from the army. They had set out full of valour and hope, they returned more discouraged each time.

"Marshal Petain," they said, "was against the war. He saw war in 1914. He didn't want it to happen again. We should have let him make peace."

So the people who lied, the little people to whom they lied and the people who lied to themselves ended by having a "Petain peace." They can hardly be very enthusiastic about it.

Hitler himself, with sombre irony, added his voice to those who insisted "Petain did not want war." When he met the marshal at Montoire on October 24, 1940, in a railroad car, he held out a forgiving hand and said, "I know, marshal, that you did not want war."

How did he know? Marshal Petain never said so publicly. Gen. Stohrer, German Ambassador to Madrid, with whom Marshal Petain had such friendly conversations during the hostilities, also took part in the interview at Montoire. Perhaps he was in a position to inform the Fuehrer as to the sentiments of the marshal.

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 52

By The Four Aces

The bidding is obviously logical, so crime students will have to examine South's play of the hand to discover the misdeed in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH

♠ K 10 3
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ 10 6 5 3
♣ K 10

WEST

♠ A J 8 5 2
♥ A 4
♦ Q 9 8 4
♣ 4 3

EAST

♠ 6 4
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ J 7
♣ Q 9 8 7 6

SOUTH

♠ Q 9 7
♥ K J 7
♦ A K 2
♣ A J 5 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the five of spades, and South won the trick with the spade seven. Declarer then finessed dummy's ten of clubs, losing to East's Queen. A spade return was taken by West's Ace, and another spade round was taken by dummy's King. Declarer then cashed the clubs, but West

discarded a diamond and a heart

and obtained the lead with the heart Ace in time to defeat the contract with the rest of the spade suit.

Don't leap to conclusions too quickly, if you want to detect the crime accurately. When you think you have it, compare notes with our analysis.

South was the criminal, but just for misguessing the location of the club Queen. That was all right, even though a correct guess in clubs would have allowed him to make the contract. But the crime was in playing clubs so soon.

Correct play is to force out the heart Ace at the second trick. Then West can clear the spades but can never thereafter gain the lead; for South can finesse clubs towards East, losing a club trick but making sure of three club tricks altogether. The point was that South had to develop both hearts and clubs, but in the correct order. And correct play was to knock out West's entry before worrying about East's possible trick.

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♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ A 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenker	You	Malco
1♠	Pass	(7)	Malco

ANSWER: Bid two spades. A simple raise usually shows a weaker hand than this, but there is no better bid that you can make with this hand. If your partner cannot find another bid, you probably have no game.

Score 100% for two spades, 20% for two clubs, two diamonds, or one no-trump.

Question No. 771

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 9 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenker	You	Malco
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	(7)	Malco

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 The Dear Little Shamrock (Jackson) Danny Malone (Tenor) with Organ.
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 Sanctuary (The Little Old Garden) (Herwit), Just For Today (Seaver) Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Organ.
 Oh Promise Me (Scott-de Koven) Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orch.
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John Peel (Traditional) Harold Williams (Baritone) & B.B.C. Male Chorus with Piano.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post".

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates.

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The Spinning Song (from "The Flying Dutchman"—Wagner)... Eileen Joyce (Piano).

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9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music with Variety.

Fox-Trots—The Badge From Your Coat; Down Every Street... Lew Stone & his Band.

Vocal—Perhaps: Love At Last (both from film "Nice Girl")... Deanna Durbin (Soprano) with Charles Previn & his Orchestra.

Swing—Brother Jackie: All The Things You Are... Hatchett's Swingette.

Vocal—That's For Me: Rhythm On The River (both from film "Rhythm on the River")... Bing Crosby with instrumental accomp.

Cuban Guajira—Amor De Guajiro; Congo—Cuba... Enrie Madriqueria & his Orchestra.

Vocal—I Don't Want To Cry Any More; Ain't It A Shame About Mame (from "Rhythm on the River")... Mary Martin (Vocal) with Victor Young & his Orch.

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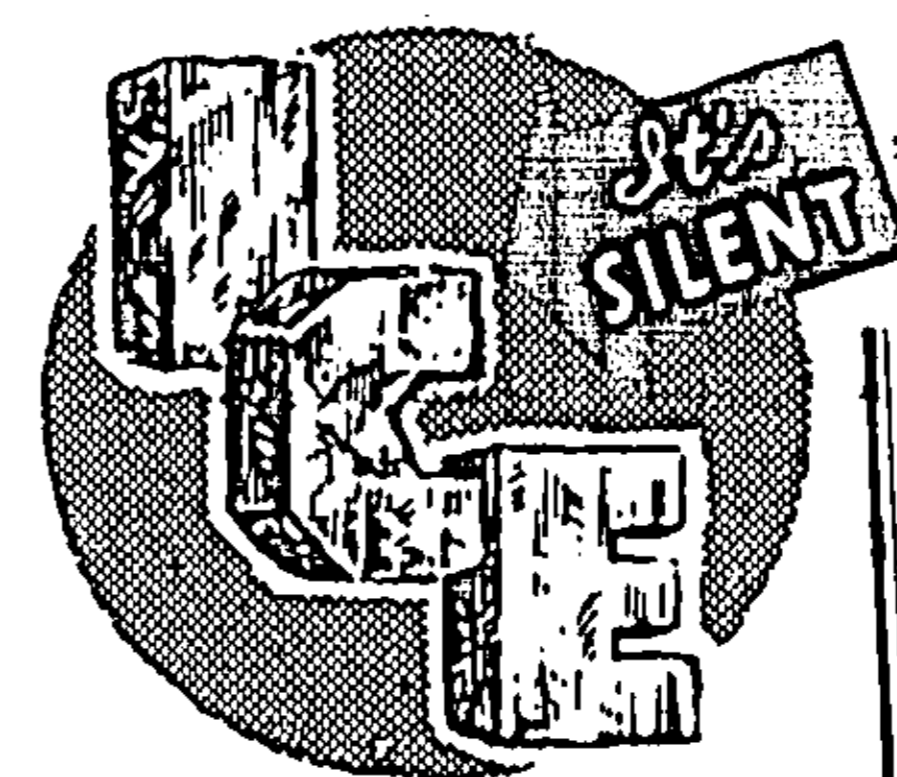


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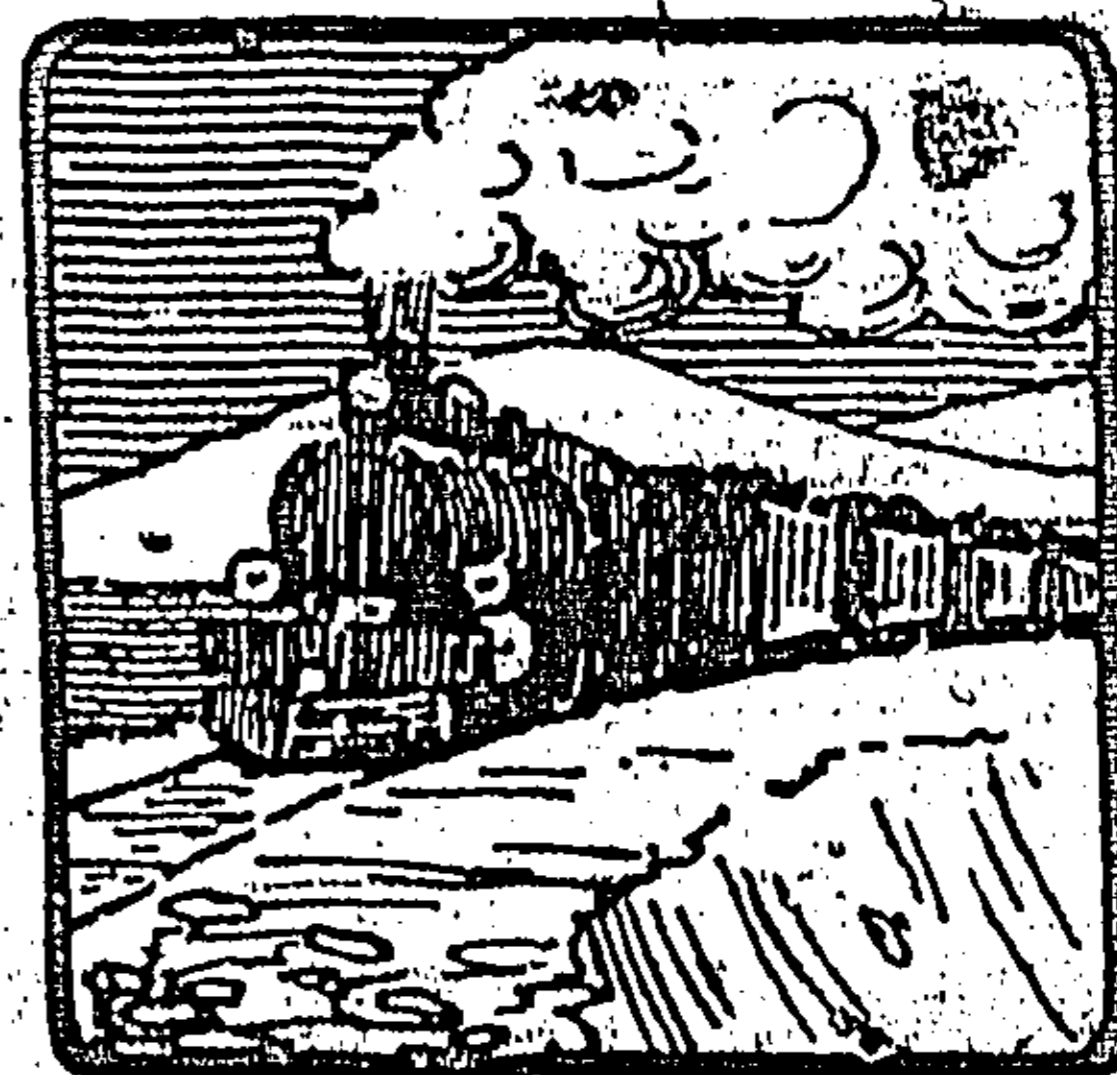
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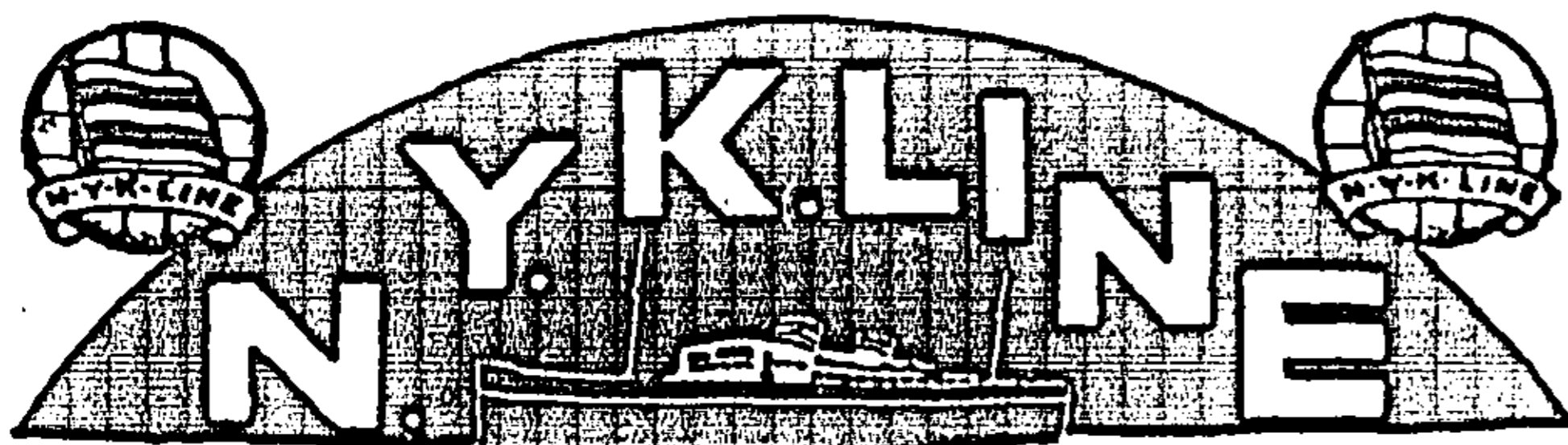
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According to the testimony of war prisoners, the Rumanian soldiers were shot by the German military for refusing to fight Soviet troops.

The prisoners stated that German storm detachments operating in the rear of every army unit mercilessly manhandle and shoot Rumanians, Hungarians and Slovaks for the slightest offence.

German soldiers take the best foodstuffs, often plundering food trains of their allies. The Rumanians have to feed on the remains from German field kitchens.

A captured soldier said that he witnessed the execution of a Rumanian just for the reason that he being wounded in both legs could not rise and salute a German lieutenant—Tass.

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The broadcasting by secret transmitters of bogus official statements has become so frequent that the German High Command now publish a warning that this constitutes high treason, punishable by at least penal servitude and possibly by the death sentence. It had hitherto been assumed that the broadcasts emanated from stations outside the Reich, but the statement of the High Command indicates that at least some are operating inside Germany or the occupied countries.

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DEAKIN'S RETURN TO CIVIL SERVICE LINE-UP STOPS STRING OF DEFEATS

By "Skip"

AS NO LESS THAN SEVEN OF THE SEASON'S RECORDS WERE BEATEN AND ANOTHER FIVE EQUALLED, LAST SATURDAY'S LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE PROGRAMME MAY WELL BE TERMED THE MOST SENSATIONAL WE HAVE EVER KNOWN.

Most astounding of the whole lot was the colossal score which the Police Third Division team amassed against Club de Recreio, and the latter's consequent annihilation by 72 shots. Without in any way detracting from the Police victory, which I anticipated, it is only fair to Club de Recreio to say that they had to field several novices, some of whom had never previously played in a League match, due to a general promotion scheme on account of Volunteer duties.

This superfluity of records tends to distort one's general view of the day's programme, the best results in which were the win by Civil Service over Police in First League, Hong Kong Football Club's away victory at Craigenower in Second Division and Hong Kong Cricket Club's second leg of the "double," which enabled them to step up a rung in the League ladder.

CRAIGENGOWER scored a huge victory over Kowloon Dock at Hung Hom, the 58-shot margin being the highest in this section this season, and incidentally surpassing any margin last year. The visitors were vastly superior to their hosts, whose position in the League is to say the least of it rather precarious.

Bradbury, for whom Alfred Coates was in good form, was excellent against Willie Greig, whose play merited a rather better result. He had little support from his front men, although both McMaster and Mackie put up some good woods. Their opposites, Joe Leonard and Luigi Souza, although having a slight edge, were not up to standard. Bradbury had 3 fives in his total of 38 shots, his opponent scoring at only six ends.

Owing to the illness of Gaddi, Charlie Rossetti had a substitute number 2 in Rosario and he played an excellent game in a rink which, generally speaking, was out-bowling the other team, although not to the same extent as in Bradbury's case, Charlie Thom doing excellent work as second man to Bob Morrison.

Malcolm Ferguson, although never in the running after the seventh end, at which he was leading 4-3, put up the best showing, Omar being his conqueror by only a dozen shots. Tommy Coleman was largely responsible for this result, whilst brother "K. M." was the best on Omar's side, Dick Bana again being poor as third man.

Shepherd's Brilliant Last End Shot

THE return of the popular Jack Deakin must have served as an inspiration to the Civil Servants, who, after a lean time—they had not won since the first match of the season, against K.C.C.—managed to beat the Police by a narrow margin. Rakusen's 5 shot win against John Fender being their best result as Deakin got home by a last head count of a singleton and McGowan and Shepherd tied.

For Rakusen, who again played well, "Jack" Shepherd, playing what proved to be his last match before going on leave, gave an improved display and put in some pretty shots as second man. Vic Ebbage proved a useful right hand man at times, but he was excelled by Orem, who came right onto his game. A couple of left-handers in Post and Forrest were not quite as good as usual.

Jack Deakin, after a slow start, did very well but his improvement coincided with a slight falling off on the part of his lead, Jimmy Gellatly, who had been excellent up to about the 14th end. Simmonds proved the most steady of the home four, taking the game all through, but he had nothing on "Polly" Perkins, Wally Mair's main support.

Shepherd looked to be having a small but certain win against J. F. McGowan until a five to the latter, the first real break he had, put him only one in arrears, and eventually Shepherd needed three to tie at the last head.

AND HE GOT THEM BY MEANS OF ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT SHOTS IMAGINABLE. WHEN HE BUMPED UP ONE OF HIS SIDE'S WOODS TO MAKE IT TAKE THE JACK THROUGH TO A COUPLE OF BACK ONES.

In the fact that the Jack had to go only in one direction and only a certain distance, which he nominated, lay the uncanniness of the shot!

Willie Harris was the next best man in the rink, both the other Willies, McLeod and Dall being erratic. Dan Crawley usually bettering the former towards the end of the game. Elliott Purvis was useful to his skip, who did not find the woods running too kindly for him.

Bebbington Offers Bold Front

CLUB de Recreio easily accounted for Kowloon Cricket Club, as was expected, only Norman Bebbington putting up a real fight to go down by a single shot to Luz, after leading until the 20th end. He and Peter Lloyd were the outstanding players in the visitors' rink; Luz shone most for the homesters.

Although Perry was leading well for Teddy Fincher, the rink as a whole was outclassed by Dick Alves' four—especially in the middle positions, where neither Jack nor Smith could get going.

Tommy Madar held "Spuggy" Silva until well after the tea interval, being all square at the 13th; "unlucky" for some, and he scored only once more and lost by ten.

Peckham & Sykes Earn Promotion

THE standard of bowls at Kowloon Bowling Green Club, where brother met brother, was far from high, though the "A" team deserved their 4-1 win. Alf Hall, who, I am told, "was the only one of the eight who could draw a shot" gave debutant McNeill a severe trouncing whilst Adam Holland, aided it must be admitted, by a certain amount of fortune—that is putting it mildly Mr. Sports Editor—beat Meyer's four by 10 shots. Herbie Bicknell, the latter's new lead was probably the best player on view, and he had a definite edge on so good a player as Willie Walker. Both skips were off.

Percy Peckham receives promotion to the first team by reason of his excellent game against McKelvie's four, whilst Len Sykes, his No. 3, goes back to the "A" team, for whom he began the season, for a similar reason. These two were right on form and although McKelvie played some pretty shots, the combination was too strong for him and Drew to cope with.

Guterres Playing Excellent Bowls

I HAVE been able to glean little information about the game at Sookunpoo, where Club de Recreio "B" were entertained and lost an exceptionally high-scoring game by half-a-dozen shots and 4 points to 1. The latter point was saved by Doc Guterres, who is playing excellent bowls just now—see the skip's table—and is full of confidence. He beat Abbas by three shots after being a couple to the bad with three heads to go.

Dallah got a couple of skips' points and one for his side by reason of securing the narrowest of wins—achieved at the last head—against Charlie Silva.

In contrast to these results, however, Minu was always well ahead of John Basso, though the Portuguese skip rallied towards the finish.

No Hong-ping, novice jockey, who had to give up riding soon after the 1941 Annual Race Meeting, has now sufficiently recovered from his operation for appendicitis to be thinking of going down to the course again, and he will resume racing in September.



Hong Kong Football Club beat Craigenower C.C. by 2 rinks to 1 in Second Division of the Lawn Bowls League last Saturday. Our photograph shows W. Ward, No. 3 to N. P. Karanjia's C.C.C. rink, bowling with his team-mate, C. W. Lam (nearest camera), H. V. Pearce, A. Brooksbank and R. P. Shaw looking on.

SIMPSON'S RINK TOTAL 18 AFTER ONLY FIVE ENDS

By "Skip"

CLUB DE RECREIO HAD A "HAM AND EGG" TEAM OUT AGAINST KOWLOON TONG IN SECOND DIVISION AND WERE BADLY BEATEN, STEPHENS HAVING THE BIGGEST WIN AGAINST MARCUS CARVALHO, FOR WHOM L. A. GUTIERREZ—DONOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SHIELD—TURNED OUT AS THREE. HE HAS NOT BEEN PLAYING MUCH LATELY AND DID NOT PULL HIS WEIGHT.

CRAIGENGOWER CHANGES IN 3RD DIVISION

With the return of L. Gaddi to Rossetti's rink, Craigenower Cricket Club will have their full team playing for them again tomorrow. Last Saturday Gaddi was a non-starter and his place was taken by Rosario.

For their Third Division match against Indian Recreation Club, Coelho's rink remains unchanged but for the fact that Todd will be lead instead of Curd. Medina, who was No. 3 to Way in Second Division last week, takes over a rink and will play instead of Randall. His front men will be Pavri, Li Su-wing and Rosario (No. 2 to Rossetti's First Division rink last week). Randall had Pavri, Intenson and Modi playing for him.

The third rink also sees a complete change. Karanjia, who had a rink of his own in Second Division last week, will be leading one in Third Division this time with Lam, No. 2 to Zimmerman (2nd Division last week) as his right hand man, Delgado, No. 3 to Lammert last week, will be lead while Modi, Randall's No. 3 last week, will be No. 2. Lammert will not be seen in action this time.

Following are the teams:
First Division (v. Kowloon C.C. away): J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (skip); A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Bana, U. M. Omar (skip); A. A. Razack, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt, C. S. Rossetti (skip).
Third Division (v. Indian R.C. way): R. K. Pavri, Li Su-wing, D. A. Rosario, M. J. Medina (skip); E. J. Todd, A. E. S. Alves, E. S. Franks, A. J. Coelho (skip); F. X. Delgado, F. K. Modi, Dr. C. W. Lam, Dr. N. P. Karanjia (skip).

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New York Yacht Club, for the first time since World War I, will omit its annual cruise this season. Thus America's oldest organization of its kind is first to bow to present conditions.

Comdr. E. Townsend Irvin gives existing conditions and the fact that there are few boats in commission as the reason.

If they win the baseball pennant for 1941—and there is no reason to believe they will not—Mindanao will have achieved the rare distinction of carrying off this honour, two seasons in a row. "Skip" Powinowski and Tony Macavage, incidentally, have been the battery both years.

CRICKET CLUB'S DOUBLE

By "Skip"

I can recognise only about three or four of the names in Club de Recreio's line-up against Police in Third Division so I presume the rest were all novices. I hope they will not be disheartened by the slaughter of the innocents, of which they were the victims!

As I indicated in my forecast last Saturday, Police are very strong this season. Presuming that they could win outright the 2 games which they have in hand with K.B.G.C., present leaders, they would be only half a point in arrears. Food for thought, should you care to study the League table, where you will find that, with one exception, they are more than these two games in hand.

And without wishing to rob the Police team of their glory—we'll leave this match at that!

Pavri's Promise

CRAIGENGOWER scraped home to a victory against Kowloon Football Club which upset my forecast again—not so successful this week. Coelho's win by 4 was the biggest one on either side, and he always had a useful lead until Abbas started creeping up, one at a time, in the second half.

Pavri, a new player, displayed encouraging form as lead to Herbert Randall, the other winning home skip, whilst Modi as third man to him was always doing something useful. Of the Kowloon four I heard that both Fuller and Tommy Ferguson were going great guns. Randall scored his winning shot at the last head.

Lionel Lammert lost to Bob Ogden by a brace to suffer the only home defeat, after a rare tussle in which both skippers shone.

Wahab's Recovery

HONG Kong Football Club won quite comfortably against Indians, for whom only Wahab won. His game against Guy Stephens was an unusual one in that he was 15-7 down at one stage yet managed to win by a margin of over half-a-dozen.

Sammy Carr could not find the form he had recently displayed and Arculli had him skinned, so to speak. Bickford and Stephens were good, especially in the early stages but then Wahab and his able assistant, A. H. Madar, took command.

George Graver, for whom I understand Ken Forrow played well as lead, managed to pip A. O. Madar after an uphill struggle in which he had not the lead until the 18th, but James Ralston simply ran away from S. M. Rumjahi after tea, scoring 21 shots to a singleton in nine heads. Syd Strange was the strong man here.

Valentine Leads Well

HONG Kong Cricket Club completed a nice double at the expense of the Electricians. P. J. A. Hamilton's four playing havoc with the rink skipped by Reg Butler, which was able to score at only six ends.

Archie Nissim also collected a point, which was pretty good against Sloan, who is not easy to beat. Doc Valentine led well for Nissim. Edgar Abraham secured the biggest count of the rink when he got a five, but the result was a foregone conclusion by that time and he lost by eight shots.

R. C. Butler

Macfarlane's Six Turns Scales

WILLIE Macfarlane scored a six at the 19th head when the team was two down, and this turned the scales in Hong Kong Football Club's favour in their match against Craigenower, whom they eventually beat by 3 shots. A pretty near thing it would appear. On paper, though, the footballers always seemed to have the advantage, though in big count, rather raised the home team's hopes. Charlie Needham was useful to Macfarlane, who was also very good, with Medina and Way the best of the opposition.

Walter Gill of "cut yourself a piece of cake" fame had Jack Howell as second man and did well to beat Tommy Lock's four by a small margin, secured at the last two ends.

"Carrots" Karanjia never seemed in any difficulties against Ken Robertson who thereby lost his first game in three. He could do little right.

K.F.C. Shatter Three 1941 Records

KOWLOON Football Club made whoopee with a capital "W" against Talkoo Club at Chatham Road, and in so doing shattered three records. The Quarry Bay club sent over a weakish team, but I do not mean that to detract from the merit of the homesters' performance for they were playing right at the top of their form. I heard there was hardly a weak spot in the team, although I expected Kern's re-arranged rink to do better than win by only four. Bill Simpson's four commenced with no less than 18 in the first 5 heads against Jim Watson—and went on to win by a couple of dozen, which was about the same as P. Younghusband's margin against Willie Melrose, who is proving the most successful of the Talkoo skins. But he never had a look in on Saturday and scored on only 5 ends.

Win By 41 Shots Fourth Best!

PRISON Officers beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 41 shots, and having drawn them in the sweep I thought I was "in the money". But this margin was only fourth, so it was lucky I did not celebrate until I had made sure—as I did in another connection a couple of weeks ago. Never count your shots until they are measured!

Jimmy Jack played his first League game this season and did remarkably well to lose by only a couple to McCutcheon, but neither Carr nor Steven could make any impression on Gowland and Bagley, although Steven had a nap hand on the last head against the latter.

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SOUTH CHINA'S PROSPECTS ARE GREATLY ENHANCED IN FOURTH DIVISION TENNIS

CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB BADLY JEOPARDISED THEIR CHANCES OF FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TENNIS HONOURS WHEN, IN THEIR "NEEDLE" MATCH AGAINST SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AT KING'S PARK LAST EVENING, THEY LOST BY 2½ SETS TO 6½.

Prior to the game they were the only two unbeaten teams in the competition. As a result of their win, therefore, South China have greatly enhanced their championship prospects.

South China's outstanding games are against the two lowly-placed Post Office Recreation Club teams and Chinese Recreation Club, and if present form is any criterion they should have no difficulty in retaining the C.B.A. Shield they won from Chinese Recreation Club last year.

South China Win

At King's Park, South China Athletic Association beat Craigengower Cricket Club by 6½ sets to 2½. Scores were:

K. T. Wong and K. I. Sit (S.C.A.A.) beat K. L. Au and C. M. Lee, 6-3, beat Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung, 6-1, beat H. Wong and P. C. Yiu, 6-4.

H. K. Ho and C. L. Lau (S.C.A.A.) beat Au and Lee, 6-3, beat Mok and Leung, 6-1, lost to Wong and Yiu, 3-6.

C. T. Yip and W. H. Mok (S.C.A.A.) lost to Au and Lee, 4-6, beat Mok and Leung, 6-2, drew with Wong and Yiu, 4-4.

Indians & Army Draw

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club shared 9 sets with Indian Recreation Club. Scores were:

S/Sgt. Ford and L. Cpl. Stone (A.T.C.) beat M. H. Hassan and G. Singh, 7-5, beat M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razack, 6-1, beat A. J. Sufliad and U. A. Rumiad, 6-2.

S/Sgt. Mitchell and Spr. Elsiey (A.T.C.) drew with Hassan and Singh, 6-6, lost to Hussain and Razack, 4-6, beat Sufliad and Rumiad, 6-4.

Sgt. Coughlin and Bdr. Mow (A.T.C.) lost to Hassan and Singh, 0-6, lost to Hussain and Razack, 3-6, lost to Sufliad and Rumiad, 5-7.

C.R.C. Take Points

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Chinese Recreation Club by 5½ sets to 3½. Scores were:

S. R. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.) beat C. M. Wong and Alfred Lai, 6-3, lost to C. N. Tsang and T. F. Gao, 3-6, beat M. C. Lau and C. T. Tso, 6-3.

A. R. Poliak and M. Talan (J.R.C.) lost to Wong and Lau, 1-6, lost to Tsang

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K.C.C. PLAY UNIVERSITY TO-DAY

Kowloon Cricket Club will play off their First Division League Tennis fixture against University at Cox's Road to-day at 5.15 p.m., but up till this morning the K.C.C. captain could only muster four regular players, namely E. C. and E. F. Fincher, S. A. Gray and A. Crawford, and there is every likelihood that junior players will be brought in to fill the two vacancies.

ARMY TENNIS LEAGUE

Two "B" Division matches in Army Tennis League were played off at Sookunpoo last evening resulting as follows:

Royal Army Service Corps beat Royal Army Medical Corps "B" by two points to one, the scores being:—Sgt. Gibbs and Jones (R.A.S.C.) beat Sgt. Parkins and Dunne, 7-5, 8-6. Young and Fare (R.A.S.C.) lost to Sgt. Smith and Sgt. Langley, 4-6, 3-6, 5-7.

Morgan and Heath (R.A.S.C.) beat S/Sgt. Shorthouse and Cpl. Cross, 4-6, 8-6, 6-5.

R.A.O.C. WIN

Royal Army Ordnance Corps beat Royal Engineers by two points to one, the scores being:—

S/Cdr. Gardner and L/Cpl. Pinder (R.A.O.C.) beat S/Sgt. Kelner and Cpl. Hawkins, 6-3, 6-4, 10-8. Cpl. Reynolds and L/Cpl. Roberts (R.A.O.C.) beat Sgt. Spencer and Cpl. Birrell, 7-5, 10-8. Sgt. Hewison and Pte. Dunne (R.A.O.C.) lost to L/Cpl. Moxham and Spr. Tropp, 2-6, 1-6, 0-6.

"B" DIVISION STANDINGS

	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	18	17	1	17
R.A.O.C.	18	13	5	13
12th. Battery	12	12	0	12
24th. Battery	21	12	9	12
30th. Battery	15	10	5	10
5th. A.A.	15	8	7	8
Royal Signals	21	8	13	8
Royal Engineers	12	7	5	7
Middlesex	15	5	10	5
R.A.S.C. "A"	12	4	8	4
R.A.M.C. "B"	9	4	5	3
R.A.M.C. "A"	9	3	3	3
965th. Battery	18	3	15	3
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18	3
R.A.S.C. "A"	9	2	7	2

NAVY "A" TEAM HELD

Results of the matches played in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water Polo Tournament yesterday are as follows:

	Y.M.C.A. POOL	5th. A.A. Regt.
Middlesex "A"	3	R.A. Giblin.
Jennings, Burdge and Hymas.	3	Navy "A"
Middlesex "B"	3	Paul (2), Holdford (own goal).
Peacock (2), and Radley.	5	965th. R.A.
Y.M.C.A.	5	P. Wilson (2), C. Goldman (2) and Roberts.

League Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Signals	14	14	0	0	78	9	28
Y.M.C.A.	15	13	2	0	75	17	26
Middlesex "A"	13	12	1	0	70	12	24
R. Navy "A"	13	9	3	1	49	29	19
R. Scots "A"	14	9	5	0	47	30	18
Combined Small Units	15	8	6	1	40	49	17
8th. Regt. R.A.	11	5	4	2	29	36	12
R. Navy "C"	13	5	6	2	34	39	12
Middlesex "B"	13	4	8	1	27	49	9
5th. A.A. Regt.	13	3	8	2	30	38	8
R.A.	10	2	7	1	11	40	5
R. Navy "B"	13	1	11	1	15	62	3
30th. Bty. R.A.	14	0	12	2	19	72	2
965th. Bty. R.A.	13	0	12	1	13	56	1

MINIATURE RACING AT RECREIO

In spite of the fact that the Miniature (Wooden) Horse Racing held at Club de Recreio last evening was only for members and friends, quite a large crowd attended, with the result that the 20-cent cash-sweep conducted on the last race and the holder of the winning ticket \$497.50.

Proceeds were for the B.W.O.F. Mr. E. de Souza, who was in charge of the meeting, told the "China Mail" that in order to confine such meetings to members and their friends only, admission to future meetings will be "by card only."

Nine men usually go the route for Cornell University's baseball team, well out in front in defence of its Eastern Intercollegiate League championship.

The annual general meeting of Hong Kong Rifle Association will be held in the Jacobson Room, Hong Kong Hotel, on Thursday, July 24, at 5.30 p.m. The election of a Council, President, Vice-President, Auditor, Legal Adviser, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are items on the agenda.

YAU SAI-KWAN AGAIN BEATS CHARLES HUANG IN QUARTER MILE

CHARLES HUANG, FORMER SHANGHAI CHAMPION AND V.R.C. UNIVERSITY SWIMMER, SUSTAINED HIS SECOND DEFEAT IN THE COURSE OF SIX DAYS AT THE HANDS OF YAU SAI-KWAN, SECOND STRING LAI TSUN SWIMMER AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPROVED SWIMMERS THIS SEASON, OVER THE 440 YARDS FREE-STYLE COURSE AT ARMY POOL LAST EVENING, YAU WINNING BY NO LESS THAN 7 SECONDS AGAINST HIS MORE EXPERIENCED OPPONENT.



Yau Sai-kwan

The occasion was a friendly contest between Lai Tsun Swimming Union and a team representing Royal Scots and Combined Small Units. The Chinese won every event except the water-



Charles Huang, above, was beaten last night by Yau Sai-kwan over 440 Yards for the second time in less than a week.

polo match which brought the programme to a conclusion, when Army scored 9 goals against Lai Tsun's 2.

Results were as follows:—100 Yards Free-Style:—1. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); 2. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun); 3. Pte. Macdonald (Army). Time: 65.

100 Yards Back-Stroke:—1. Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun); 2. Lau Yiu-ling (Lai Tsun); 3. Lieut. Hunter (Army). Time: 78.

440 Yards (Free-Style) Invitation:—1. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun) (5:47); 2. Charles Huang (V.R.C.) (5:54).

100 Yards Breast-Stroke:—1. Tsang Chang-po (Lai Tsun); 2. Luk Sze-sing (Lai Tsun); 3. Cpl. Bedford (Army). Time: 86.

200 Yards Medley Relay:—1. Lai Tsun (Lai Tai-ping, Tsang Cheong-ming, Lau Tai-ping); 2. Army (Lieut. Hunter, Cpl. Bedford, Sig. Bennett).

Eight Lengths Relay:—1. Lai Tsun (Lau Tai-ping, Tsang Cheong-ming, Chan Chun-nam, Poon Wing-kai); 2. Army (Sig. Allen, Lieut. Miller, Pte. Macdonald, Sig. Bennett). Time: 2:18.

Seven Lengths Medley Relay:—1. Lai Tsun (Tsang Cheong-ming, Yau Sai-kwan, Chan Chun-nam, Lau Tai-ping); 2. Army (Bism. Plummer, Sig. Hunt, Pte. Elms, Pte. McHugh). Time: 2:24.

Water-Polo:—Army 9 (Allen (4), Hunt (3), Macdonald, Bennett) v. Lai Tsun 2 (Lau Yiu-ling (2)).

Against right-hand pitching, New York Yankees employ Tommy Henrich and Bill Dickey, and Charley Keller drops from third position to fifth.

The Summer number of the "Yellow Dragon" (Queen's College school magazine) has just been published and one paragraph dealing with the annual athletic sports is to the effect that "the next annual sports meeting is still a long way off, but while we are in valedictory mood, we should like to take the opportunity of saying that the Principal and staff are always glad to welcome all old boys at these meetings and see them take part in the two events specially arranged for them."

GIMBEL AWARD FOR KOLL

Elmo Joseph Koll is winner of the 1941 Gimbel Award, which is given annually to the University of California senior "with the best attitude toward athletics." It consists of a medal and a cash prize. Koll, a left-handed pitcher, entered the University of California from Crescent City, California, and has been an outstanding athlete for the past four years. This season he led the Conference with 10 victories and one defeat.

He has been especially effective against Stanford, having won all 10 games he pitched against them in his four years of competition. Besides his splendid pitching he broke up many games with his timely hitting and led the Golden Bears this season with the fine average of .429.

With the introduction of hockey and basketball on roller skates, some of the more enterprising young sportsmen have been talking about starting a softball competition on the same lines.

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HOCKEY ON ROLLER SKATES CUP RULES

Following are the "Rules" drawn up by the sponsors of the "Chi Yin Yat Po" Cup Hockey (on roller skates) Tournament:

1. The puck is always in play and should be flicked but not hit.
2. Hooking, obstructing or tackling from behind is not allowed, the stick should not be lifted above the abdomen, but both sides of the stick can be used.
3. Attacking players must not be over the line designated on the rink, otherwise it will be called off-side.
4. In cases of off-side, the puck must be flicked off.
5. The goalkeeper is not allowed to be across the goal and must always be on his skates. The stick must not be laid on the ground and must be kept in his hands at all times.
6. The goalkeeper is allowed to hold the puck and throw it sideways, but not to his front.
7. If the puck is above the head it can be stopped with hands or feet, but kicking is not allowed.
8. If a player is sent off the rink for fouling, the time must not be more than two minutes.
9. Every team consists of six players, but in case of a smaller rink, five players will be played instead.
10. The official time for each game is limited to 30 minutes.

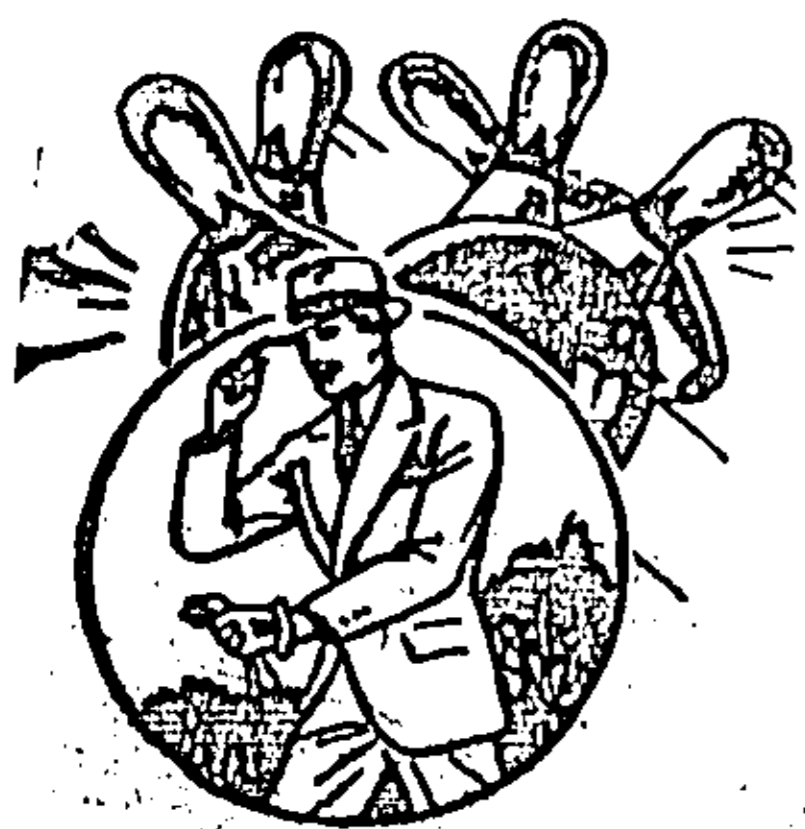
FRED PERRY AGAIN BEATS RICHARD SKEEN

Richard Skeen is making a bid to become America's outstanding professional, though Fred Perry, world amateur champion before turning professional, is Skeen's master.

In the final eastern tournament on July 18, Perry beat Skeen 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, this being the fourth title Perry has won in recent weeks, and in every final he beat Skeen.

Perry and Donald Budge won the Eastern Doubles, beating Bill Tilden and Vincent Richards 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. In view of their other successes this pair is fast becoming the predominant doubles combination in the United States.—Reuter.

Zeke Bonura is battling at a 400 pace for Minneapolis.



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Gold Cup

The Travers at a mile and a quarter at Saratoga in August, the Saratoga Cup at a mile and three-quarters, the Lawrence Realisation at a mile and five-eighths and the Jockey Club Gold Cup at two miles at Belmont Park in the autumn would be to Whirlaway's liking.

Whirlaway perhaps is the finest race horse in America at any distance from five-eighths to four miles, but distance is his forte.

While in no sense a plodder like Gusto and Dauber, Whirlaway is not cut out to set the pace and run his own type of race, meeting and repelling all challengers as they come along as did Man o' War and his fine son, War Admiral.

Whirlaway must be carefully rated.

He must not be called upon too soon or too late.

He requires an Arcaro in the pilot house.

On the small side—standing no more than 15 hands 3 inches, the blaze-faced Whirlaway is deep through the heart and shoulder and exceedingly well made. His conformation and appearance suggest power plus, but he is a nervous fellow.

SHANGHAI GIANTS OF THE PAST

Writing in his daily feature under the heading of "Random Shots" on July 6, the Sports Editor of the "China Press", Shanghai, bemoans the fact that present-day players in the various fields of sport do not compare favourably with the giants of the past.

Dealing with tennis first he says:— "Carson may be the City's tennis champion but if his performance in the Mixed Doubles Championship be any criterion I am afraid he would have been outclassed by the veterans in their heyday. Tausaint ruled the roost for a number of years, after which we had Sheldon, Potts, Tanaka, Roberts, etc. etc. Among the fair sex, none of the local stars to-day would stand up to a match with Mrs. C. D. Pearson."

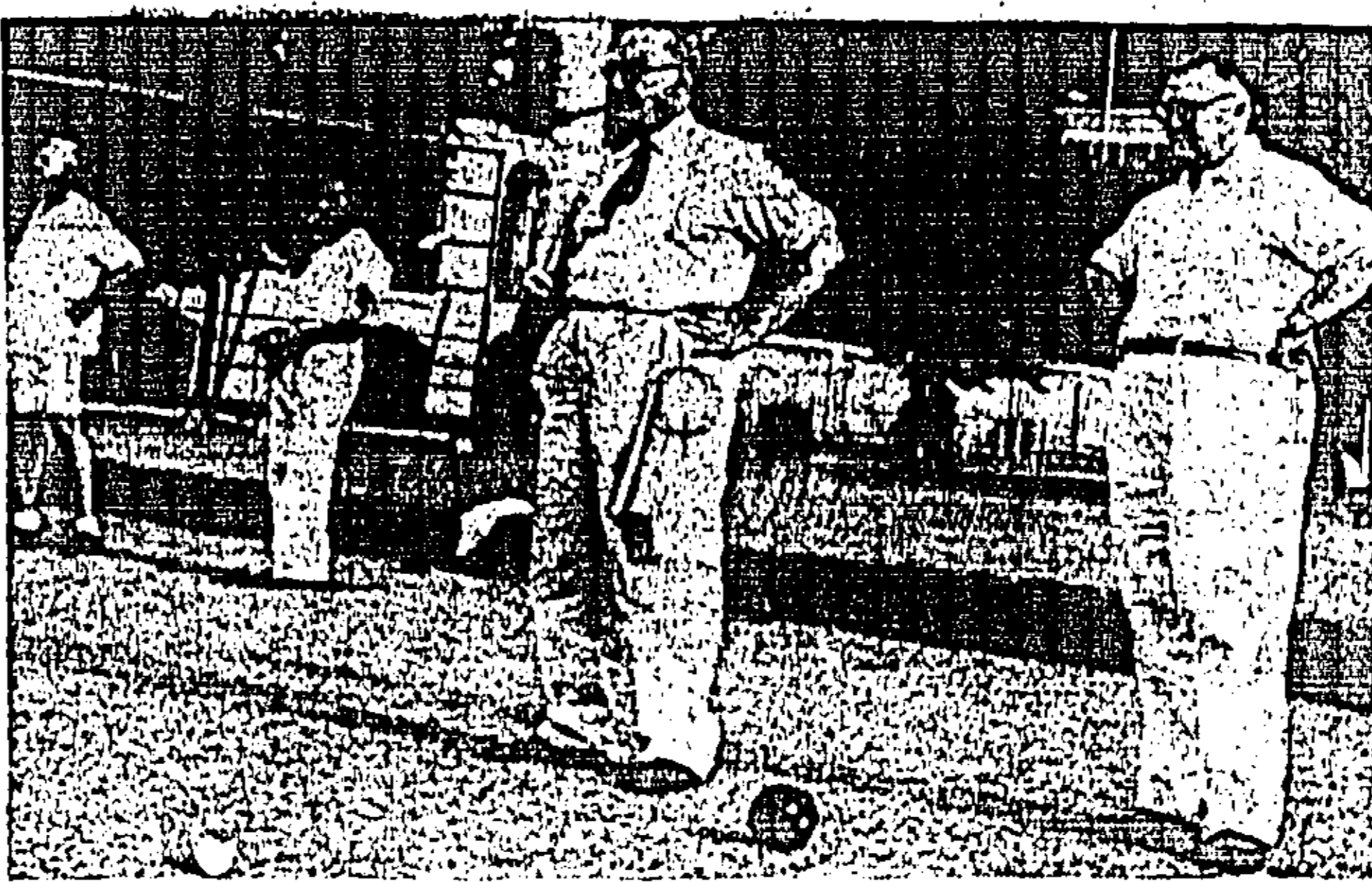
The writer then goes on to cricket and says there isn't any fast bowler comparable with the late Jimmy Quayle. "There was something really to watch then with Capt. Barrett, the late Harry Ollerdsen, Willie Clifford, the Lanning brothers. To-day, we just have a handful with Donald Leach leading the few."

The writer, after asserting that the feats of the sportsmen that have gone shine with a lustre that cannot be matched, charges the youngsters of to-day with turning their attention to "tripping the light fantastic" rather than getting out in the early morning for a spell of hard training.

Mackerel, the filly which tied the Belmont Park juvenile course record for five furlongs in 0:59.3/5, is from the last crop of Equipoise, which died as he was about to win renown as a progenitor.



When the H. B. squad failed to put in an appearance at Ballway Corner for their match against U.B.S. Mindanao last Saturday, Chung Hwa stepped into the breach and were beaten 8-2. Our photograph shows the Hwarren on the benches during the game, with "Grandpa" Leung in the middle of the group, resting his foot on the seat.



E. S. Abraham (with pipe), H.K.C.C. skip, and his opposite number, L. de Rome (Electric) caught by our cameraman at Chater Road last Saturday, when the home team won by 2 runs to 1, de Rome being the only visiting skip to be "up." In the background are J. K. Sloan, Electric R.C., getting ready to bowl, while A. Nissim of H.K.C.C. looks on. Nissim won 27-20.

RUMOURS OF H.B. STARS JOINING OTHER CLUBS "ENTIRELY UNFOUNDED"

RUMOURS TO THE EFFECT THAT SOME OF THE BASEBALL PLAYERS WHO TURNED OUT FOR H.B. IN THE LEAGUE HAVE APPLIED TO JOIN OTHER CLUBS (THIS TEAM WITHDREW LAST WEEK FOLLOWING DISAGREEMENT WITH HONG KONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION AS A RESULT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S REFUSAL TO THE H.B. REQUEST FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF THEIR GAME AGAINST MINDANAO), "ARE ENTIRELY UNFOUNDED," ACCORDING TO MR. DHUN RUTTONJEE, SPONSOR OF THE H.B. TEAM.

Mr. Ruttonjee said that maybe some of the non-playing members of the club had voiced such intentions, "but I can assure you that they do not include any of the present crowd."

Enquiries from Mr. Roy Lau, Hon. Secretary of the Baseball Association, elicited the information that "no such application had been received."

"If we do receive any, though," Mr. Lau said, "there is no reason why they should not be granted. For instance, there must be some of the H.B. players who will want to take part in the International series which begins early next month. Applications from them to play for the different sides will most certainly be granted, for we cannot hold anything against the players just because the management of their club saw fit to withdraw."

AIR FORCE CRICKET WIN OVER ARMY

There was a Test Match flavour about the cricket at Lord's on June 21, where 10,000 watched the first of four matches arranged between the Army and the Royal Air Force in aid of Army charities.

A. B. Sellers, Yorkshire captain, skipped the Army, which also included Leyland and Verity, both of Yorkshire, P. Smith and Nichols, both of Essex, while Royal Air Force included Barnett of Gloucester and Todd of Kent, Matthews of Northamptonshire, Washbrook of Lancashire and Gregory of Surrey.

Royal Air Force won by 5 wickets, scores being Army: 261 for 5 dec. (P. Smith 70, Nichols 80); Royal Air Force: 262 for 5 (Squires of Surrey 54, Ames 127).

A British Empire XI. beat Notts by 118 runs, scores being Empire: 256 for 4 dec. (Barling of Surrey 53), Notts: 138 (Merritt the New Zealand Test bowler, 4 for 48).

Aldershot beat Cambridge University by 8 wickets in a two-day match, scores

REMARKABLE LOTTERY INCIDENTS

IN 1885, WHEN TATTERSALL'S SWEEPS WERE CONDUCTED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, A MAN NAMED DAVIDSON DREW BOTH FIRST AND SECOND PRIZES IN THE CAULFIELD CUP SWEEP.

That was the year Grace Darling won.

Mr. Davidson's luck was really phenomenal, for neither of his horses would have secured a place but for one of the worst accidents in the history of the turf in Australia.

Eleven horses fell. One jockey was killed, and several badly injured, including Frank McGarth, now one of Sydney's leading trainers.

You'd think Mr. Davidson's luck would have ended there. But it didn't.

Melbourne Cup

In 1906, he drew Posledon in the Melbourne Cup. Posledon won too.

Records show that at least three men have won the sweep more than once.

No prizes are given for bad luck.

If they were, the first award would surely go to a Sydney horse, who was well known on the race tracks many years ago.

His horse was entered for a big event at Randwick, and he had more than an even chance.

But the owner wanted something more than the prize money.

Inducement Required

A big sweep was being run on the race, and he thought the man who drew his horse might give him some inducement to start.

The details of the draw, then being conducted in another State, had not been received when he left for the course.

He asked the manager of the hotel at which he was staying to wire him at the course if the person who drew his horse made any inquiries.

He would start the horse only if he were assured of something

Needed Drink-Then!

No word was received from the hotel, so before the race he scratched his horse.

When he returned to the hotel that night, he looked up the result sheets.

Then he went into the bar and ordered a double whisky.

He had drawn his own horse.

DID YOU KNOW?

Before being permanently branded with the nickname Red Sox, the Boston Americans were at various times known as the Somersets, Puritans, Plymouth Rocks, and Speed Boys.

being Cambridge: 125 (Gover of Surrey 5 for 38); and 116 (Gover 5 for 40). Aldershot: 205 (E. W. Dawson the Leicestershire captain, 68) and 41 for 2.—Reuter.

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THE BATTLEFRONT

Nazi Claim To Smolensk Discredited In Moscow

Counter-Attack In Bobruisk Sector Continuing

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE D.N.B. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SMOLENSK HAS BEEN CAPTURED IS DISCREDITED BY THE SOVIET HIGH COMMAND, WHICH HOWEVER ADMITS THAT THE GERMANS ARE THREATENING THE FORTIFIED JUNCTION CITY, WHICH IS THE MAIN GATEWAY TO MOSCOW.

U.S. ARMY AT ITS PEACE PEAK

THE UNITED STATES LAND FORCES HAVE REACHED A PEACE-TIME PEAK OF 1,477,000 OF WHOM 624,000 ARE SELECTIVE TRAINEES, SAID MR. ROBERT PATTERSON, UNDER-SECRETARY OF WAR, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

He added that the War Department had received "substantial delivery" of the A24, a new Douglas light dive-bomber which, he declared, would "outperform any dive-bomber in Europe."

Mr. Patterson said that following Wednesday's reshuffle in the Army High Command, which involved 17 Major-Generals, there would be more changes in conformity with the War Department's policy of "assigning generals to duties which are believed they perform more effectively."

The Russians state that a heavy battle was in progress all day Wednesday and through Thursday morning to the west of Smolensk, but claim to be holding the German attack, while only ninety miles to the south in the Bobruisk sector, the Soviet counter-offensive, which threw the Germans back over the Dnieper, is continuing "in full force with great ardour and success."

The Germans officially were silent yesterday on the claim to Smolensk, and Berlin reports concerned themselves almost exclusively with operations near Murmansk, the drive against Leningrad and the Kiev thrust.

It is interesting in view of the German claim to have captured Murmansk in their first onslaught from north Finland, that the German

Replying to questions, Mr. Patterson said that the changes "are not closely linked" with the recent exercises.—Reuter.

man communique stated: "Murmansk is facing fresh danger of capture after combined German-Finnish forces, in a heavy battle, seized the fortified town of Salla, only 65 miles west of Kandalaksha, situated on the northwest tip of the White Sea on the Murmansk railway."

In the Kiev sector, the German communique speaks of Nazi panzers "crushing fierce Russian counter-attacks" and "sweeping east beyond Kiev which is now facing encirclement."

The Russians are content to say that no major engagements have occurred in the Kiev sector and that the front has undergone no important change.

Pskov Sector

In the northern sector, the Germans claim to be threatening Pskov, east of Pskov, and there seems to be some reason to believe that armoured units have penetrated the Soviet line at some points, though Pskov is still in Russian hands.

The Germans naturally insist that the Germans have "hurled the Russian forces into a general retreat," that the Nazi armies "continue to push through the broken Stalin Line" and, of course, that "important developments are ripening."

Stockholm despatches received in London report a combined Russian naval and air bombardment of the Latvia port and capital, Riga, which is in German hands. Russian warships shelling the port were attacked by German aircraft unsuccessfully.

THE LONDON "DAILY MIRROR" QUOTES MOSCOW RADIO FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PLOESTI HAS AGAIN BEEN HEAVILY BOMBED, LEAVING THE PETROLEUM FIELDS "A HUGE SEA OF FLAMES."

The "Daily Telegraph's" Stockholm correspondent says that Tallinn has been set on fire by the Russian garrison. Russian troops are defending a ring of forts round Tallinn while carrying out M. Stalin's scorched earth programme.—International News Service.

Still A D.N.B. Scoop

Up to 6.30 last evening the German radio had still made no mention of the claim earlier by the official German news agency that the important town of Smolensk, 220 miles west of Moscow, had been captured by the Nazis.—Reuter.

U.S. BLACKLISTS 1,800 PERSONS AND FIRMS

The United States has blacklisted 1,800 persons and firms in Latin-America in an effort to bolster national defence and close export channels to Germany and Italy, says Reuter from Washington to-day.

ONE SHIP EVERY DAY

ONE SHIP PER DAY HAD ITS KEEL LAID IN AMERICAN YARDS DURING THE 40 DAYS ENDING JULY 10, REPORTS THE U.S. NAVY DEPARTMENT. Twenty-two vessels were

FIVE NAZI FIGHTERS DOWNED

Five German fighter planes were destroyed yesterday — two during an offensive sweep over Northern France and three during patrols over the Channel.

This is according to an Air Ministry communique issued in London last night. Two British fighters are missing, it was added.

Fighters of the R.A.F. were active over Northern France and the Channel during the day, the communique stated.—Reuter.

launched during that period, including the battleship "South Dakota," two destroyers, one submarine and a number of smaller craft, including seven high-speed motor torpedo-boats.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The following is the text of a Red Army communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau early this morning:—

"During July 17 our troops waged battles in the directions of Pskov - Porkhov, Polotsk, Smolensk, Novograd-Volynsk and on a sector of the Bessarabian front."

"As a result of the fighting no important change took place in the disposition of our troops on the front."

"During July 17, our air force operated against enemy motor and mechanised troops and destroyed aircraft on aerodromes. "During July 15 and 16, 98 German aircraft were destroyed. We lost 23."

The official German news agency stated early this morning that the Soviet troops are now trying to delay the German advance by attacks on German infantry who are following the armoured advance guards in the Kiev area.—Reuter.

Major-General C. M. Maltby, M.C., Hong Kong's newly-appointed General Officer Commanding, arrived this morning, to take over from Major-General A. E. Grasett.

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News that the Nazi Major-General Otto Lancelle has been killed in Russia will be a blow for Hitler, with whom he has always been a favourite.

He was one of the men, it is pointed out in London, who planned the Munich putsch in 1923 and had worked with Hitler ever since.

Lancelle was 56 and came of a family which emigrated to Germany during the French Revolution.

Always opposed to the Communists, he helped to quell the Communist movement in Munich after the collapse of the German armies.

He refused to take the oath of allegiance to the Weimar Republic, preferring to retire from the army. Later he became one of the founders of the Stahlhelm, and when Hitler dissolved the organisation he was given a command in the Storm Troopers.

On the outbreak of the war with Poland he was promoted major-general.—Reuter.

DE VALERA
RE-STATES
POLICY

Mr. Eamonn de Valera, the Eire Premier, replying to a debate on external affairs in the Dail last night, said:

"If anybody attacks us then every one of us can die if necessary fighting for what we are certain is a just cause, and I say that no matter from which side we are attacked.

"THAT IS THE POSITION WE ARE TAKING UP AND IT IS NOT A COWARDLY POSITION.

"If we are attacked at all we will be attacked by one of the big nations of the world.

"We have to face and we are prepared to face it. We are determined to live our own life."—Reuter.

NAVAL CHIEFS
CONFER

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CALLED A CONFERENCE OF HIS CHIEF NAVAL ADVISERS FOR LATE YESTERDAY.

The men summoned by the President were Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, Ad-

German Progress
Being Slowed
Down Appreciably

IT IS NOW REGARDED IN MOSCOW AS ABSOLUTELY INEVITABLE THAT THE NAZIS WILL BE DEFEATED ULTIMATELY, NO MATTER WHAT SETBACKS THE SOVIETS RECEIVE IN THE MEANTIME.

This confidence, which is even greater than a week ago, has arisen from the slowness of the German advance and the reassuring effect of the Anglo-Russian Alliance.

It is reflected in Moscow's mood and in the tone of Soviet propaganda.

Dillon
Revolts
In Dail

In the Dail last evening, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Dillon, said he believed the policy of neutrality was the policy of the majority of the Eire people and of the Government.

Yet he believed it was not the correct course of conduct for Eire.

PARLIAMENT SHOULD ASCERTAIN PRECISELY WHAT COOPERATION GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES MIGHT REQUIRE TO ENSURE SUCCESS AGAINST THE NAZI ATTEMPT AT WORLD CONQUEST AND AS AFFORD TO THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN COOPERATION TO THE UTMOST OF THEIR RESOURCES, INCLUDING OF COURSE THE SENDING OF IRISH TROOPS ABROAD.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Cosgrave, said he had no information regarding the statement which Mr. Dillon had considered it advisable to make. The wisdom of making such a statement had not impressed him.—Reuter.

Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, Rear-Admiral Ernest Fleet, and Rear-Admiral Richmond Turner, Chief of the War Plans Division of the Naval Operations Office.—Reuter.

Everyday life appears more normal than a week ago, theatres and cinemas are crowded while in the famous riverside Park of Culture and Rest, merry-go-rounds, restaurants and fine theatrical exhibitions are in great demand these warm clear evenings.

At the front no spectacular results have been achieved by the Nazis following the announcement of the second great offensive which began five days ago in the Pskov, Vitebsk, and Novograd-Volinsk sectors, in spite of very heavy fighting with considerable losses on each side.

The Nazi advance columns have succeeded in penetrating so far as the neighbourhood of Smolensk, also east of Pskov, although according to reports yesterday morning, both these towns are still in Soviet hands.

Soviet Equipment

The slow German advance is held by competent observers to bear out Soviet claims to have adequate equipment.

The fact remains the Nazis have failed in the last 14 days to make any spectacular progress.

Soviet fighter planes are highly praised by experts who say many of these are better than the Messerschmitt-Russian dive-bombers are also

THE GERMANS HAVE NOWHERE MANAGED TO SECURE A LASTING AIR SUPERIORITY, WHILE FREQUENTLY THE SOVIETS EXERCISE LOCAL SUPERIORITY.

Mixed Assortment

The miscellaneousness of the Luftwaffe, comprising Italian, Czech and Polish planes, suggests that the more standardised units of the Luftwaffe are still on the Western Front, and this assortment of planes is a sign of the German weakness in air strength.

It seems both sides are busy bombing each other's communications and transports.—Reuter.

LINDY
DEMANDS
APOLOGY

Mr. Charles A. Lindbergh has written to President Roosevelt demanding an apology from Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior, for "certain statements and implications" made by him in a recent speech.

Mr. Ickes, in a Bastille Day speech, stated: "Study of Hitler's methods of internal disorganisation and demoralisation help one to understand Lindbergh and make one realise what a menace he and those like him are to the United States."

Mr. Ickes also described Lindbergh as "a knight of the German eagle" and said Lindbergh's "passionate words are to encourage Hitler, and to break down the will of his fellow citizens to resist Hitler and Nazism."

Lindbergh, however, denies the suggestion he has connections with any foreign government, saying he received the German decoration while serving in the American Embassy.—Reuter.

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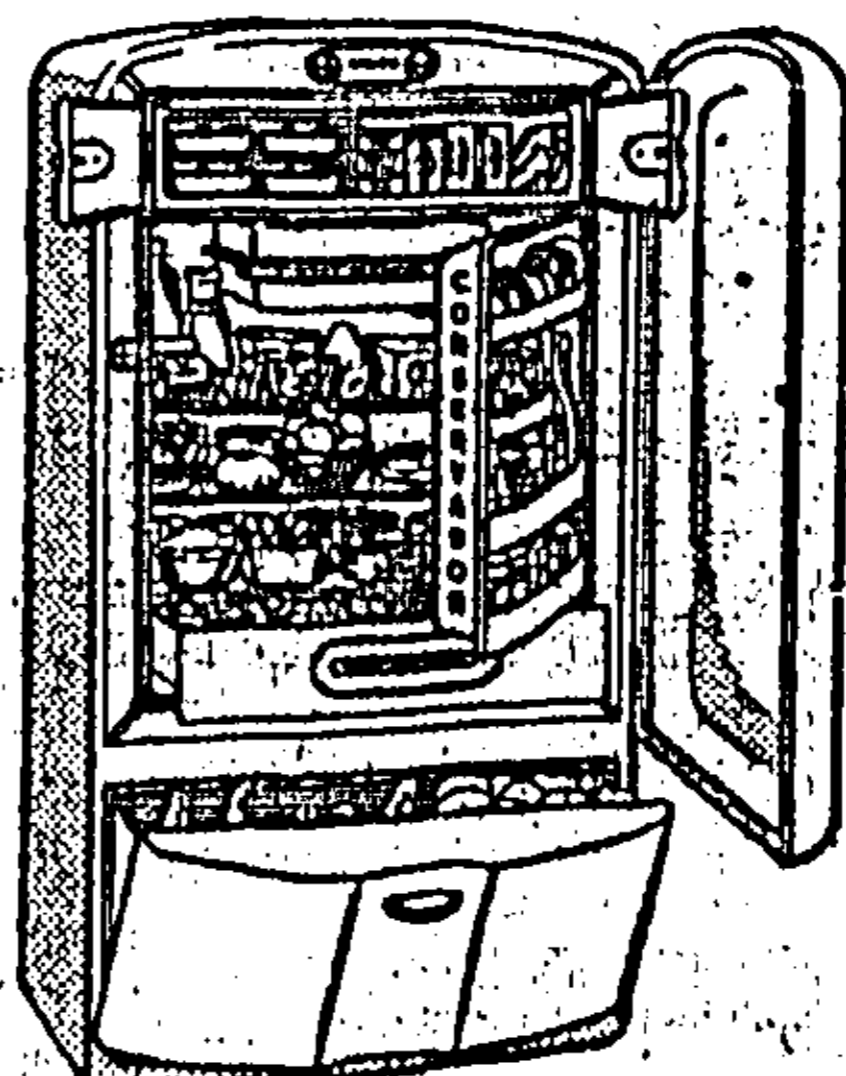
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PREMIER CALLS NEW PRODUCTION DEBATE

Speculation Developing On Cabinet Changes

TOBRUK PATROL'S TEN-MILE SORTIE

Yesterday's G.H.Q. Middle East communique stated that on the night of Tuesday an Australian fighting patrol from Tobruk penetrated 16,000 yards into the enemy positions and successfully assaulted two strong points.

After inflicting upon the enemy casualties substantially greater than the strength of the patrol itself, the British troops withdrew.

In dash and determination this patrol has again surprised and out-manoeuvred the enemy which locally is in greatly superior numbers and is in well-entrenched positions.

The Tobruk garrison's offensive policy is being continued with some success, stated military circles in Cairo yesterday commenting on the latest sortie from the port.

The fact that the Australian patrol penetrated 16,000 yards into enemy territory, sustaining only the smallest casualties, indicated we held the initiative.

The defensive attitude of the Axis troops, who are mostly Italian around Tobruk, seems to be repeated on the Libyan frontier, where the enemy continues to dig in at Sollum, Capuzzo and Halfaya, showing there is no inclination to tilt against the British forces in this area. — Reuters.

GREAT INTEREST IS BEING SHOWN BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN THE FORTHCOMING DEBATE ON WAR PRODUCTION.

When the Prime Minister earlier this week promised a third day for this subject and said he proposed to open the discussion with replies to the criticisms made last week, it was evident he had reconsidered his earlier attitude.

This had caused the original discussion to last two days but with no War Cabinet Minister speaking in particular, and with the Chairman of the Production Executive, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, taking no part in the debate.

U.S. Urged To Go In

"Germany's defeat would be assured were the United States to throw its entire weight into the war to-day."

So declared Mr. William B. Ziff, publisher of the well-known American magazines "Flying" and "Popular Aviation," in an interview in New York yesterday.

"With England serving as our base we would have the advantage of being only a few hundred miles from Germany, while Germany would be thousands of miles from us."

Mr. Ziff added the United States was now in a "superb tactical position to pour in on Germany deadly destruction, crippling all her operations without fear of retaliation." — Reuters.

Mr. Churchill made known yesterday that the forthcoming discussion will be on the widest basis, including the Fighting Services departments, and the Ministry of Labour, towards whose manpower policy many criticisms have been directed.

AS THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ORDERED AN EXHAUSTIVE EXAMINATION OF ALL CRITICISMS, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE PROPHETS ARE ENGAGING IN THE PASTIME OF WEIGHING THE POSSIBILITIES OF POLITICAL CHANGES.

The Commons are hoping soon to take a short rest. Such a period is a favourite one for political overhauls.

Speculation Busy

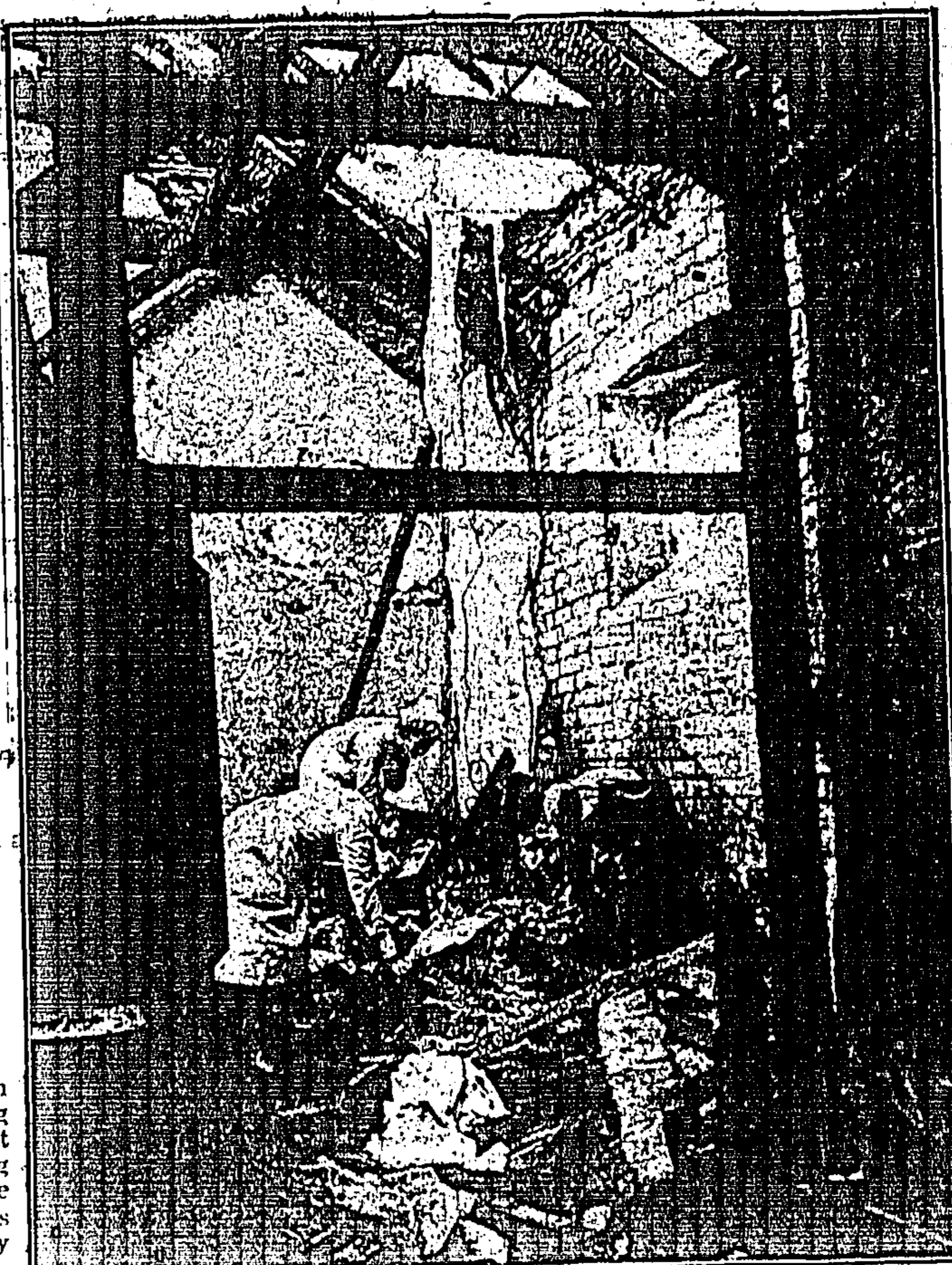
Thus speculation is busy with the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Labour and some other departments in which changes have been considered possible for some time past.

There is at present no confirmation for various forecasts which are current.

THAT SOME CHANGES MAY BE MADE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS CANNOT BE EXCLUDED. THAT THEY WILL BE EXTENSIVE, IS UNLIKELY.

Although discretion in the matter rests entirely with the Premier, the Commons certainly would not tolerate anything which weakened or slowed up the nation's war effort.

Indeed, if there are changes, they will be directed towards the acceleration and co-ordinating of effort — a purpose which is being demanded in increasing degree by all parties in both Houses. — Reuters.



As announced recently, the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff has suffered from German air raiders. Picture shows nurses searching amid the debris in the wrecked dispensary.

GALLUP POLL ON ICELAND OCCUPATION

Over 60 per cent. of the populations of big United States cities and towns approve President Roosevelt's action in sending troops to Iceland, according to the latest Gallup Poll.

Twenty per cent. disapproved of the action and 19 per cent. were undecided. — Reuters.

WAVELL PRAISES INDIANS

"India has given every possible assistance and without it the campaign in the Western Desert and the occupation of Syria could hardly have been carried out."

This statement was made at a press conference in Simla yesterday by General Sir Archibald Wavell, new Commander-in-Chief, India.

It had been an inspiration to him, he said, to see the magnificent work of the Indian troops in the Middle East and to know of India's great war effort from the invaluable assistance given him there.

General Wavell emphasised that in the Middle East and elsewhere the forces from India continue to play a leading part and would contribute towards final victory.

Referring to India's defence, General Wavell said: "So long as we have so many young men willing to serve and such fine material, and so long as India continues to produce war material in addition to supplies coming from England, we need have no doubt as to the defence of India." — Reuters.

refuelling and limited overhaul facilities for battleships, aircraft-carriers, cruisers and other warships.

The Argentina base cost \$17,050,000 and the Trinidad base \$17,355,000, being two of the eight sites leased from Great Britain in exchange for destroyers. — Reuters.

NEW U.S. NAVAL BASES

Two full-fledged naval operations bases are soon to be commissioned, one at Argentia, Newfoundland, and the other at Trinidad, the U.S. Navy announced in Washington yesterday.

The bases will have maintenance and overhaul facilities for warships operating in the Atlantic.

Previous Navy announcements indicated that the Newfoundland base consisted of merely a naval air station.

Navy sources yesterday said it will have a fleet anchorage and

R.A.A.F. CONTROL

Government is considering the establishment of Royal Australian Air Force administrative units in the Middle East and England.

This is in order to cooperate with the Royal Air Force Commands in view of the many Australian airmen fighting in those war theatres, declared Mr. McEwen, member of the War Cabinet, yesterday in Sydney.

It is proposed to review the policy of not publishing the names of airmen distinguishing themselves, Mr. McEwen further declared. — Reuters.

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KONOYE FORMING CABINET

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PRINCE KONOYE, THE OUTGOING PREMIER, WHO HAS ACCEPTED THE IMPERIAL COMMAND TO ORGANISE A NEW CABINET, HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A PLEDGE OF COOPERATION FROM THE WAR AND NAVY MINISTERS.

Senior statesmen met in Tokyo yesterday afternoon to choose a candidate for the Premiership, and Marquis Koichi Kido, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, went to the Imperial Palace to report their decision to the Emperor, who with the Empress, had only returned from his country villa 25 minutes earlier.

A little later Prince Konoye arrived at the Palace, whence he later went to see Baron Hiranuma, outgoing Minister of Home Affairs and former Premier, with whom he conferred for an hour.

Prince Konoye at 10 o'clock last night met the War Minister, Lt.-Gen. Tojo, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Oikawa. The conference is understood to have resulted in a complete agreement of views.

Another conference was called later when Mr. Kenji Tomita, the Cabinet's chief secretary, was present.

Prince Konoye was previously visited by Mr. Yoshiye Saito, Foreign Ministry adviser.

IT IS EXPECTED PRINCE KONOYE WILL RESUME THE FORMATION OF THE NEW CABINET TO-DAY.

Unofficially it is predicted he will finish during the day and the installation ceremonies will follow at the Imperial Palace this evening.

After Prince Konoye's departure, Baron Hiranuma conferred with Kozo Ota, member of the House of Peers and chief secretary to the former Minister of Communications, and conversed for 30 minutes before returning to Baron Hiranuma.

Army And Navy

Meanwhile high officials of the War and Navy Ministries held separate conferences—talks reliably indicating that the armed forces are ready to cooperate with Prince Konoye's efforts to form a new Cabinet.

Financial circles generally interpret Prince Konoye's acceptance as indication that no immediate changes are pending regarding domestic and international policies.

Financial and industrial leaders urge that this third Konoye Cabinet should immediately undertake:

Firstly, to increase the production of war industries by stricter State control of the coal, oil and chemical industries.

Secondly, enforcement of a new programme of fiscal and monetary management.

Thirdly, stricter control of food to protect the nation's standard of living.

Cautious Calm

The resignation of the old Cabinet was received by the Tokyo Stock Exchange with cautious calm, though shipping shares turned weak.

The "Japan Times and Advertiser" editorially declared: "Out of the change in administrative machinery will we feel confident, emerge a Cabinet inheriting the character and force of the one which Prince Konoye and his eminent chief colleagues built up. Some new faces will be seen and new talent added, yet the policy of a strongly united State

committed to a high condition of defence and political continuity assuredly will remain.

"The work already done is a promise of greater things in the future.

"AT THIS MOMENT OF CHANGE THERE IS STILL A LIVELIER TRUST THAT THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT WILL MEASURE UP TO PAST PERFORMANCES AS WELL AS RISE TO NEW HEIGHTS."—REUTER.

AMERICA'S BLACK LIST

A WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT REGARDING THE BLACKLISTING OF LATIN-AMERICAN FIRMS AND PERSONS, BEGINS: "AS A FURTHER STEP, IN VIEW OF THE UNLIMITED NATIONAL EMERGENCY, IT IS PROCLAIMED BY THE PRESIDENT THAT HE TO-DAY HAS ISSUED A PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING THE PROMULGATION OF A LIST OF CERTAIN BLOCKED NATIONALS."

The list consists of certain persons deemed to be acting to the benefit of Germany and Italy, or nationals of those countries, and persons to whom the export directly or indirectly of various articles or materials is considered detrimental to the interest of national defence.

The list was prepared by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Treasury, the Attorney-General, the Secretary of Commerce, the Administrator of Export Control and the Co-ordinator of commercial and cultural relations between the American Republics.

The list is a result of long and intensive investigations by the interested Government agencies. It will be subject to periodic additions, or deletions.—Reuter.

Ex-P.C. JOSLING'S
£1,643

Vindicated, seven years after being dismissed from the Metropolitan Police and granted £1,500 compensation, Mr. Horace Robert Josling, who later became headmaster of Wren Church of England Junior School, Salop, left £1,643 13s. 10d. (net, £1,573 18s. 6d.)

SPITFIRE GETS TWO MAYBE 3

How a British fighter pilot destroyed two out of four aircraft is told by the Air Ministry news service.

The Spitfire pilot tackled four ME109's over the English Channel yesterday afternoon, destroyed two of them and sent a third spinning towards the sea from 12,000 feet.

This pilot said afterwards that not one of the three Germans he fired at returned a single shot.

"I was flying at 20,000 feet and comprised the four ME's at 17,000 feet.

"I got into the best position to fire at one of them and my first burst went straight into the cockpit. The aircraft caught fire and went down.

"In less than ten seconds I was firing at the second and he just blew up.

"The other Huns then made for home but I caught one up and attacked him from the side.

"My bullets went into his tank and blew the back of the cockpit to pieces. He went straight down, and streaming glycol and lumps of wreckage blew off him."—British Wireless.

AFRAID TO RAID BY DAY

German pilots dare not cross England in daylight, except by stealth through heavy clouds, and many of those who do are "hopped up" with narcotics, Flying Officer James G. Flaherty said in an interview in Toronto.

Flaherty, a member of the first contingent of flyers, trained under the commonwealth air-training plan, to go overseas, said German pilots sheer away from combat when they are 100 miles from the English coast and officers shoot their crews when a plane crashes, in order to prevent them from giving information.

Flaherty, twenty-seven years old, and a native of Toronto, has returned for further duty in the training plan after making forty operational flights with his Royal Air Force Squadron.

KONOYE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Prince Konoye's success in forming a third Cabinet is reported to be very promising.

The War Minister, Lt.-Gen. Tojo, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Oikawa, are reported to be remaining in the Government.—Reuter.

ANOTHER WAR OF NERVES?

PRESS REPORTS FROM THE FAR EAST ASSERTING THAT JAPAN WILL TAKE IMMINENT ACTION AGAINST FRENCH INDO-CHINA AND THAILAND ARE GIVEN PROMINENCE IN THE AMERICAN PRESS BUT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND MR. SUMNER WELLES, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, MAKE NO OFFICIAL COMMENT.

Competent Far Eastern observers are inclined to believe that Japan is launching another "war of nerves" and are not treating the rumours seriously.

While Tokyo is publicising the seriousness of the situation in the Siberia area due to the Soviet mining of Kamchatka waters, observers believe Japan is more likely to push south to establish naval and air bases at Saigon and Bangkok, thus fulfilling Hitler's chief desire of keeping the United States Fleet immobilised in the Pacific.

There is strong indication that the United States Government is keeping the closest watch.—Central News.

WANTS 'WAR' ON LOOTERS

Mr. C. T. Culverwell (Cons. W. Bristol) is to ask the Home Secretary whether he is aware of the increase in looting, and whether he will circularise magistrates with a view to imposing severe penalties.

SAIGON DENIES DEMANDS

The French Military, naval and civil authorities in Saigon deny all knowledge of any impending arrangement allowing Japan the use of naval and air bases in southern Indo-China, as suggested in foreign press comment, which is characterised as tendentious.

The possibility of such an accord in the immediate future appears precluded by the absence of the Governor-General and the majority of his staff, who are on a short trip of inspection in northern Cochinchina and Cambodia, and by the departure of General Sumita, head of the Japanese mission, by plane for Tokyo.

The Governor-General confirmed this week to responsible quarters that Indo-China had not received any demands whatever from the Japanese regarding the use of facilities outside Tonkin.

The fall of the Konoye Cabinet has aroused lively speculation in Saigon. Generally it is thought this Government represented the ultimate in military rule, and the possibility of a resurgence of the business interests is not impossible, although the reasons for the fall and the nature of the new Government are "anybody's guess."—Reuter.

MAISKY APPLAUDED

THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, M. IVAN MAISKY, WAS SURROUNDED AND CHEERED BY A LARGE CROWD WHEN HE LEFT A ROYAL ALBERT HALL CONCERT IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

The orchestra played music by leading Russian composers, and during the interval Sir Henry Wood, who conducted the first part of the concert, chatted with M. Maisky in his box.—Reuter.

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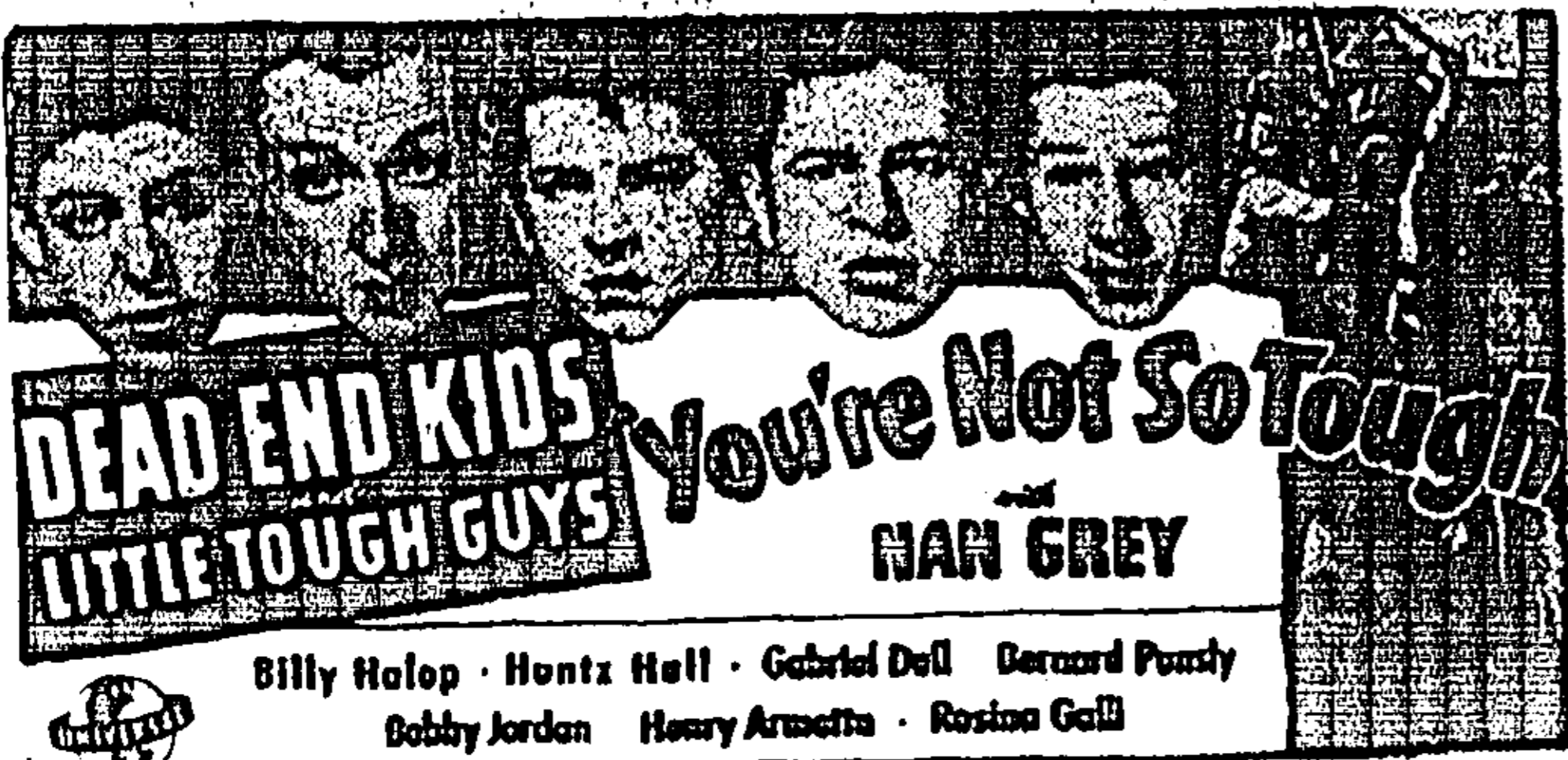
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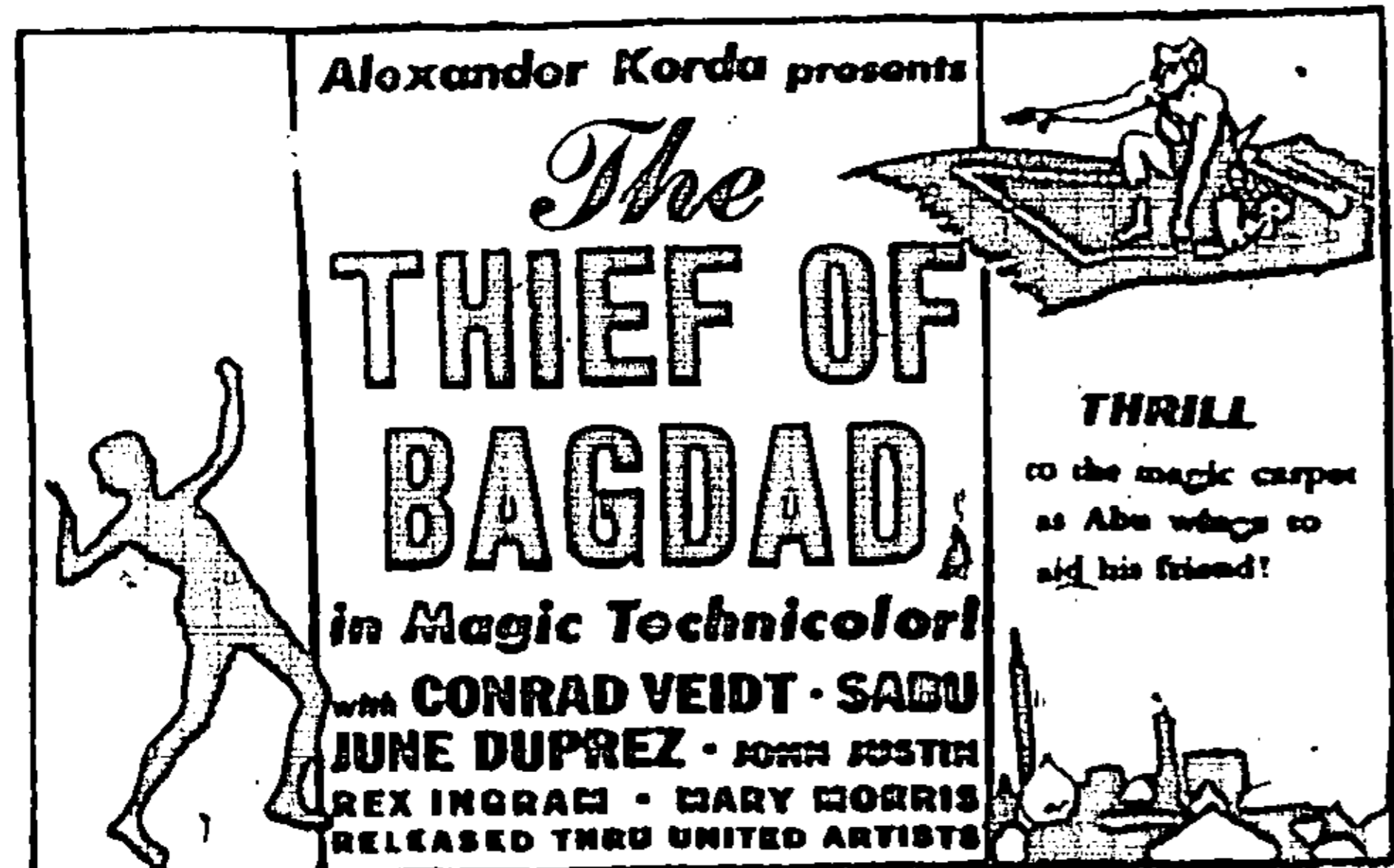


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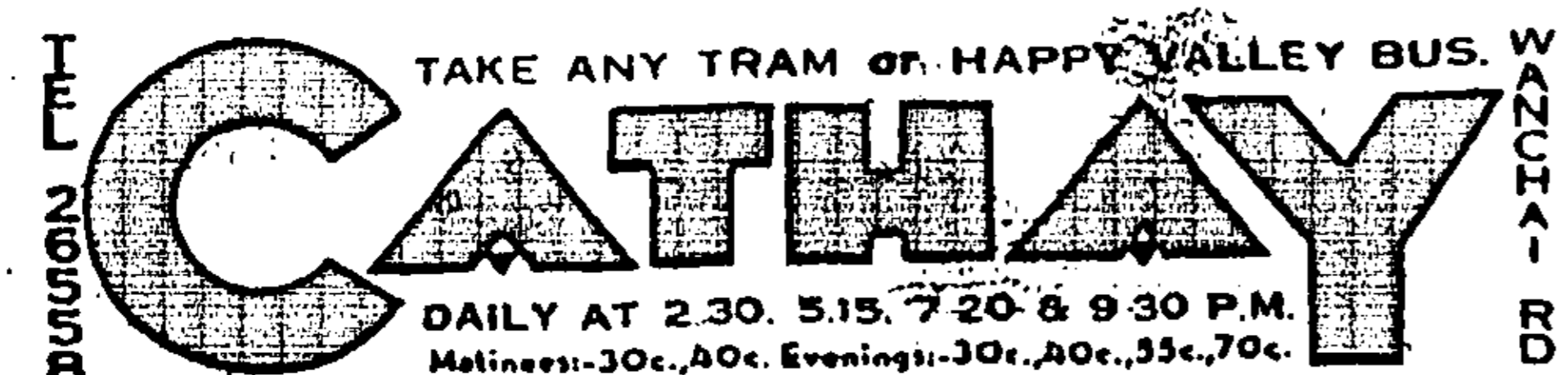
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GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN SYRIA: FACTS COMING TO LIGHT

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Imperial Troops in Syria)

HERR GROBA, German Minister in Baghdad, returned to Syria after the Iraq rebellion with two sacks of gold. When he reached a hotel in north Syria, the manager, porter and another man were needed to carry one sack to the bedroom.

This is but one of the amazing stories told me by a British resident of Beirut who has just finished five weeks' internment.

He also said the Germans even promised to bring aviation fuel to Syria by submarine. This was discovered when a telephone call from a prominent Vichy official to Renoir, principal German delegate in Aleppo, was overheard.

When the British entered Syria, Renoir telephoned daily to a leading member of the High Commissioner's office, requesting the latest news from the front.

Finally he came to Beirut with a "petit personnel" to make direct contact with General Dentz, and, after hearing the latest reports, fled from the country.

Blitzkrieg Scheme

There is no shadow of doubt Germany had planned a blitzkrieg on Syria in detail, aiming at the complete occupation of Syria and Lebanon. I learn from Britons in Beirut, and the British action was not only timely but desperately necessary.

I also learn that even after the British penetration of Syria and the end of the Iraq rebellion, the Germans were still pouring material into Syrian aerodromes, copying the Bulgarian infiltration.

At Aleppo aerodrome at least 60 officials were buying material such as lorries, cars, radios and furniture for officers' quarters.

Additional quarters had even been reserved in the town for extra staff.

Sudden Departure

Reason for the sudden departure of the Luftwaffe was given by a remark by Colonel von Manneuffel on the aerodrome at Aleppo while bidding farewell to the Vichy staff.

He said: "We are going because we don't want to give credence to reports of a German occupation of Syria."

The German and Italian Legations both left the country. I learn they are now living in ancient Antioch, in Turkey.

It is reported they are in a state of perplexity, not knowing what to do next. — Reuter.

U.S. ARMY AT ITS PEACE PEAK

THE UNITED STATES LAND FORCES HAVE REACHED A PEACE-TIME PEAK OF 1,477,000 OF WHOM 624,000 ARE SELECTIVE TRAINEES. SAID MR. ROBERT PATTERSON, UNDER-SECRETARY OF WAR, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

He added that the War Department had received "substantial delivery" of the A24, a new Douglas light-diver-bomber which he declared would "outperform any dive-bomber in Europe."

Mr. Patterson said that following Wednesday's reshuffle in the Army High Command, which involved 17 Major-Generals, there would be more changes in conformity with the War Department's policy of "assigning generals to duties which are believed they perform more effectively."

Replying to questions, Mr. Patterson said that the changes "are not closely linked" with the recent exercises. — Reuter.

Taking Over In Syria

In Syria, said yesterday's Cairo communique, under the terms of the Convention the Allies have now occupied selective strategic points in central and south-east Syria.

The British and Indian troops, whose rapid advance from Iraq and Palestine was arrested only when negotiations for the cessation of hostilities were initiated, are now in progress of occupying further positions in the northern area.

The occupation of Beirut has been completed and a cordial reception accorded to the Allies and particularly to the Australian forces who have been in the forefront of the advance in the coastal sector. — Reuter.

BRITISH RESIDENTS RELEASED

Released British residents who were interned by the Vichy Government when the Allies entered Syria, returned to Damascus yesterday morning in a transport convoy.

A number of persons detained on suspicion of doing intelligence work for the Allies have also been released. — Reuter.

CHANGES IN AMERICAN COMMANDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The War Department in Washington announces, without explanation, seventeen important changes in command. It is believed that the new assignments have been made on the basis of officers' work during recent manoeuvres. — International News Service.

BOMBER SABOTAGE SUSPECTED

The unexplained performance of a \$250,000 British Liberator bomber that sideslipped into San Diego Bay, causing fatalities to four aviation experts, has aroused some suspicion of sabotage.

Federal Bureau of Investigation and company agents, investigating the crash, awaited salvaging of additional pieces of wreckage for examination.

Failure of the controls apparently caused the crash of the great camouflaged ship, of the type used by the British to bomb Berlin.

Observers said the bomber took off from Lindbergh Field easily enough and climbed swiftly. Then it suddenly slipped sideways into the bay.

A spokesman for the Consolidated Aircraft Company said "evidences of sabotage" had been discovered, but neither he nor FBI men would discuss the matter further.

British Purchasing Agent F. C. Cooper said sabotage was a possibility as the craft was about ready to be turned over to the British. It was powered with four motors and had a bombing range of 3,000 miles. — Reuter.



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PRESS STANDARDS HIGHER

Higher journalistic standards and better writing by reporters have developed in the last decade, say members of the Advisory Board of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

This was the conclusion drawn by the trade magazine Editor and Publisher from the answers to several questions it put to the advisory board members regarding the hundreds of entries they have reviewed annually before making recommendations for the Pulitzer prizes in journalism.

One board member, said the magazine noted a diminution of "what we used to call yellow journalism." Another said there probably was less muckraking now than formerly but a great mass of constructive campaigning.

Still another commented that columnists had made a substantial contribution to the present-day newspaper and, with their positive expressions of opinion, had offset the weakness of some papers.

WANTS NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED

GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL, Chief of the U.S. Army General Staff, testifying before the Senate Military Committee yesterday, drew attention to the urgent necessity from the military standpoint for Congress to declare a national emergency under which selectees, National Guardsmen and reserves could be retained in service beyond a year.

General Marshall said that from the strategic viewpoint the efficiency of the War Department and the military forces would be greatly improved if Congress removed the present prohibitions against longer service.

He declared at the same time it was absurd to believe he had an American expeditionary force in mind.

"We started only last Autumn. We can do a wonderful job. We can render ourselves so strong that all our interests will be safeguarded."

"To stop in the middle of

the procedure would be unwise when the situation as we see it in the War Department is so grave."

He added the War Department was unable to publish all its information regarding current developments.

Efficiency Impaired

General Marshall instanced the army's inability to operate efficiently because of the large number of one-year selectees, National Guardsmen and reservists.

The War Department hitherto had been unable to send a squadron of 24 fighters to Iceland to support the Marines.—Reuter.

VIENNA GETS BACK ARMOUR

ARMOUR BREASTPLATES AND FINELY CARVED HELMETS WHICH NAPOLEON TOOK FROM VIENNA AND FROM AMBRAS CASTLE IN TYROL HAVE BEEN RETURNED FROM PARIS TO VIENNA.

Much of the collections represented the finest selections of German armour design. Particularly prized was a splendidly decorated war costume of Francis II of France, a year after he had married Queen Mary Stuart of Scotland.

SHOWING 'EM ACTION

General Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson, Commander-in-Chief Western Command, wants the Home Guard to know how to deal with paratroops. But instead of a dry-as-dust lecture, he has arranged for the Western Command Repertory Co. to give a play, "Up Guards and at 'Em."

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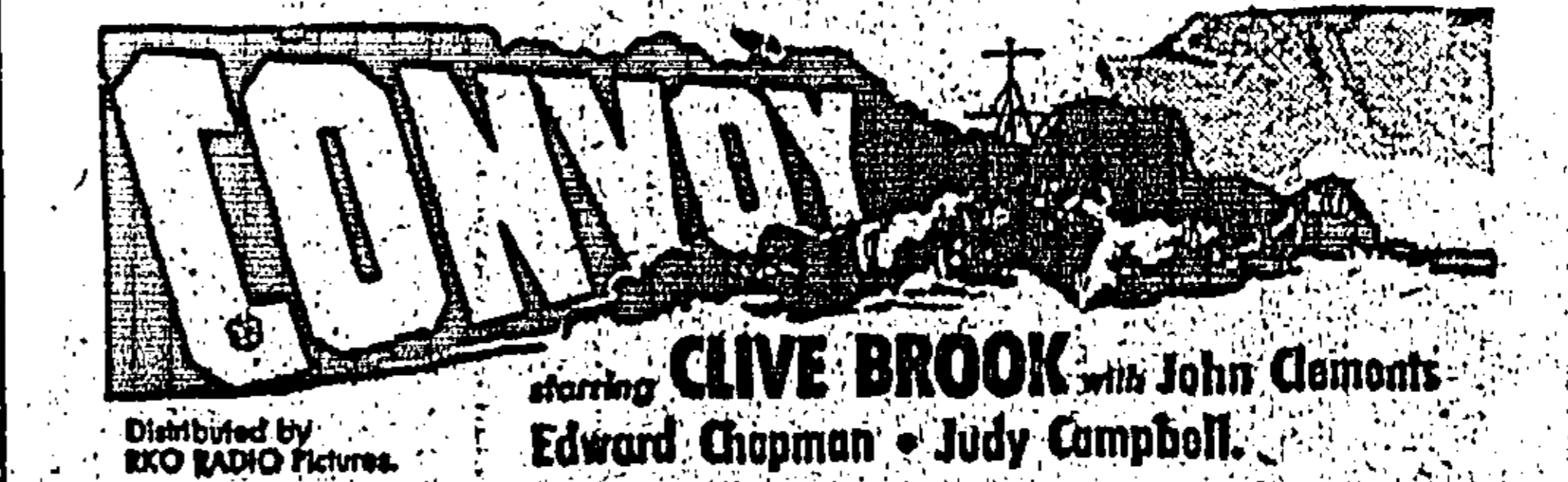
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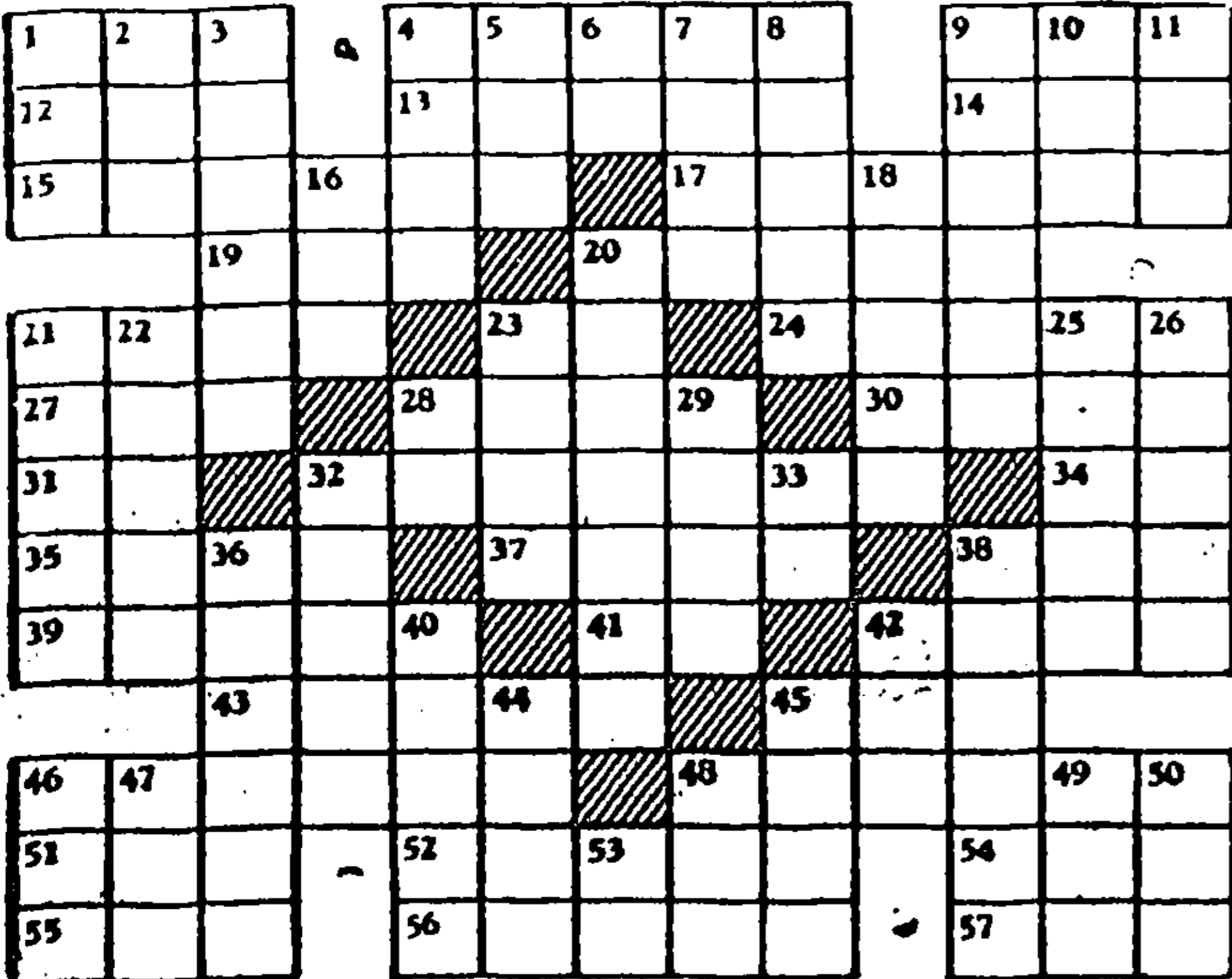
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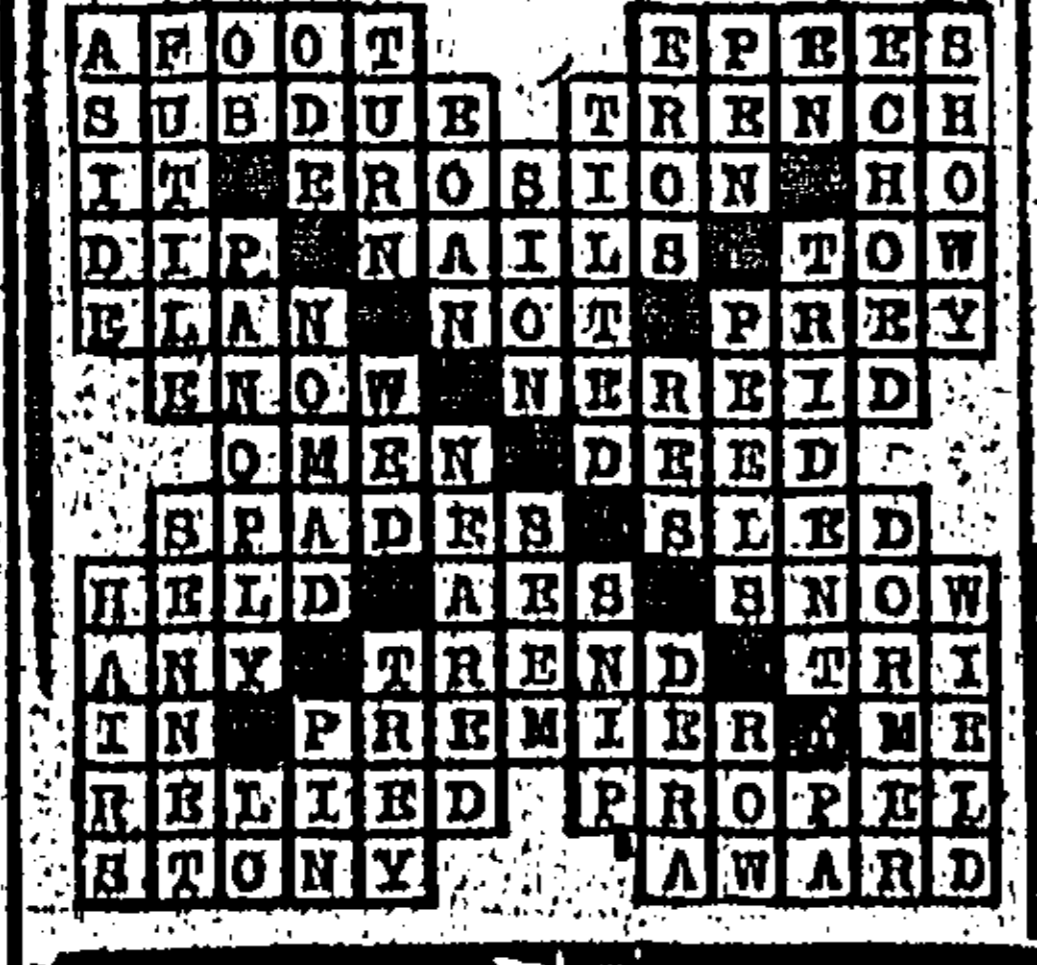
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4 Bats
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20 Salan
21 Fletcher
23 Periodic windstorm
24 Compound ether
27 Hindu weight
28 Prefix against
30 Serf
31 Egyptian
32 South American republic
34 Note of scale
35 Wagnerian goddess
37 Place for grain storage
38 Carpet
39 Hindu peonants
41 French article
42 Claim on property

- VERTICAL
1 Pouch
2 Commotion
3 Male goose
4 Mountain pass
5 To seize
6 Hebrew month
7 Sagacious
8 Cudgel
9 Foibles
10 Beverage
11 Split pulse
16 Because
18 Stingy person
20 Items
21 Glacial ridge
22 Tired
23 Burden
25 To follow
26 To rule
28 Symbol for actinium
29 Doing nothing
32 Devoured
33 Hawaiian bird
34 Gentle
38 Full of fissures
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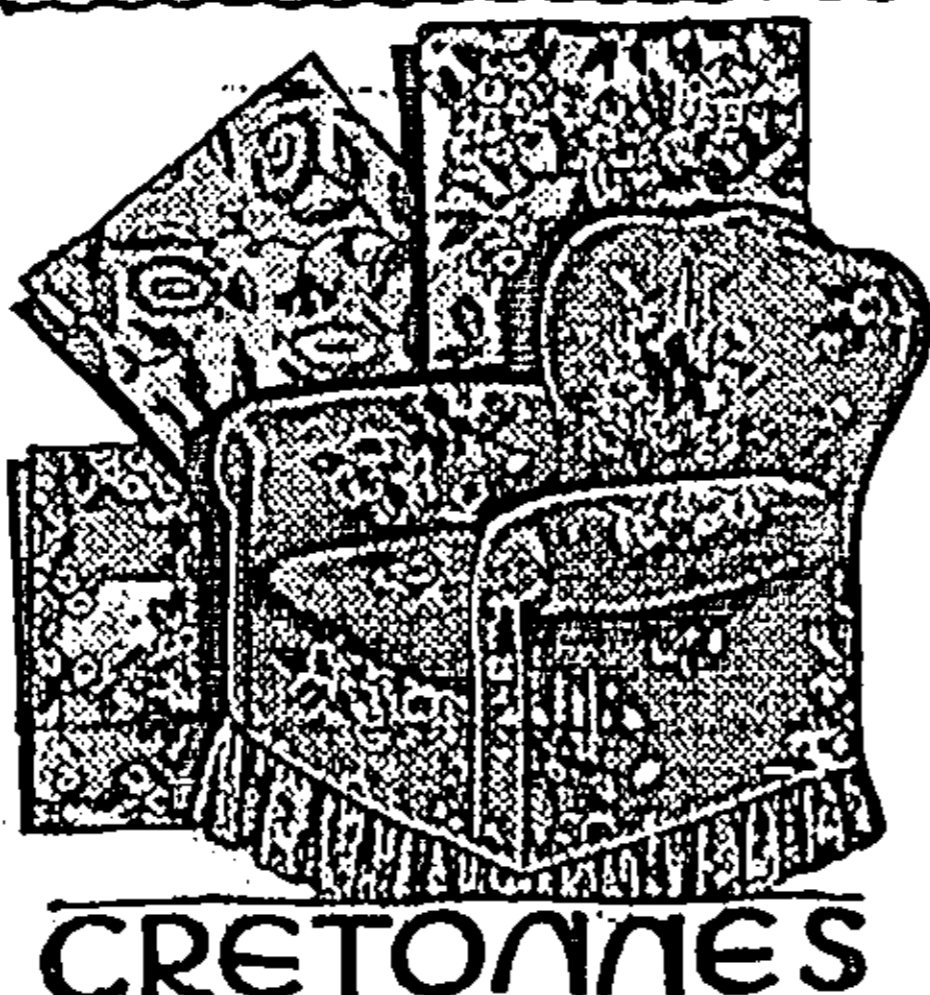
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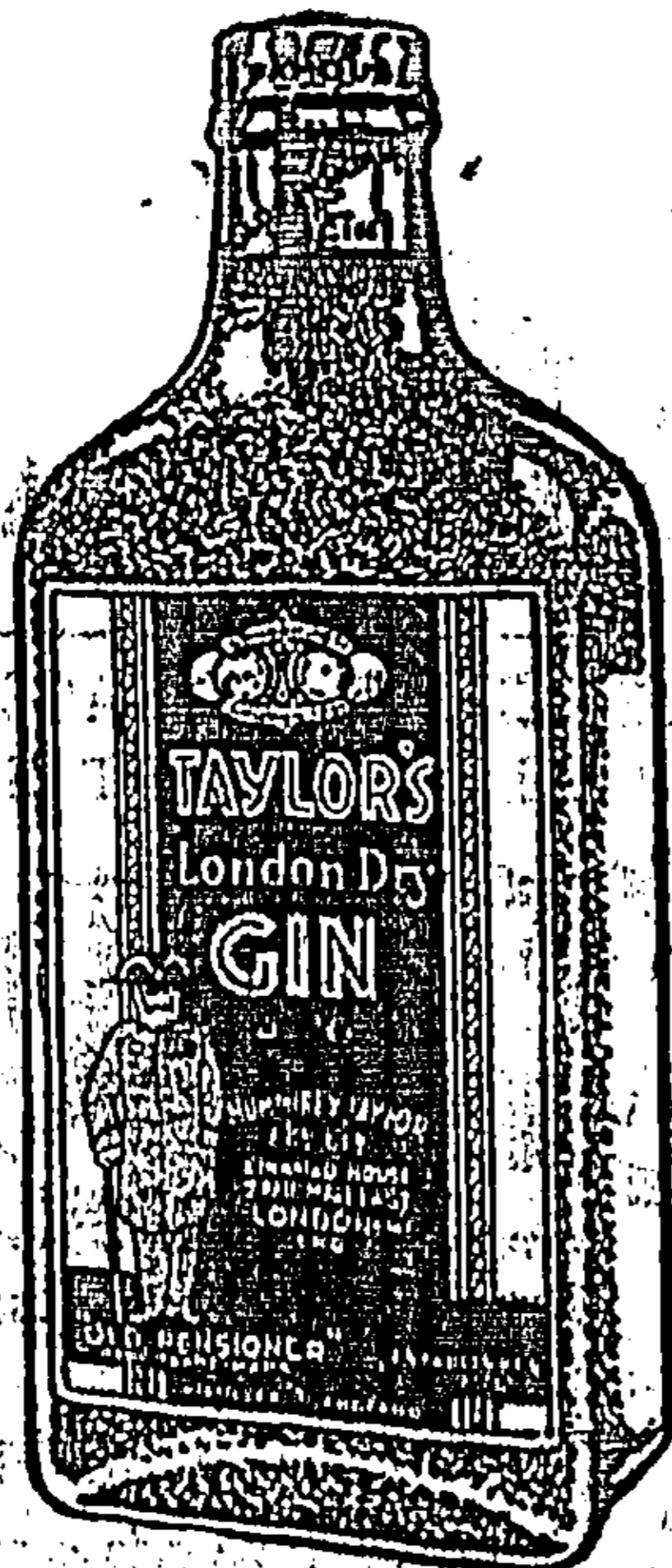
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DEVASTATING R.A.F. RAIDS ON HAMBURG

R.A.F. RAIDS ON Hamburg in May had a "devastating effect" in spite of elaborate anti-aircraft defence and camouflage precautions, according to a German-Jewish citizen who has just arrived in New York via Lisbon and whose name is withheld because members of his family are still in Germany.

His account of the destruction, based on personal observation and written for "The New York Times," follows:

"Reports reaching this country of actual damage done to German cities by R.A.F. raids are inaccurate and incomplete, to say the least. The Nazis have clamped down a strict censorship on such news, mentioning definite buildings only when it suits their purpose. The British, on the other hand, depend entirely on observation from the air which must, of necessity, be superficial.

"In Hamburg, which had greatly suffered from air raids before, the attacks in May had a devastating effect, and could not fail to affect the morale of the people. Thousands of children have been evacuated months ago to Vienna, Bavaria and other points south, and many of them may never see their parents again. Almost all wealthy Hamburgers have sent their families out of the city.

River Elbe Divides City

"In considering air raids on Hamburg one must keep in mind the layout of the city and its port. The two are separated by the River Elbe, the city proper being north, the port south of it. This makes it easy for bombers to pick out their principal objectives, and reduces the loss of civilian life to a minimum.

"Nevertheless, there are legitimate targets within the business and residential sections of the city, such as railroad stations, gas and electric power stations, minor industries and other establishments. Yet Hamburg has never been bombed indiscriminately as were London and other English cities. "Anti-aircraft batteries, searchlights and barrage balloons are distributed throughout the city, and, naturally, the R.A.F. planes are trying to hit these. The civilian population realises this, and does not fall for Goebbels' clumsy propaganda which keeps on repeating the same old story that the R.A.F. is out to destroy workers' homes and hospitals. Only recently a small shack (value \$10) in the garden of a worker in an industrial suburb of Hamburg was hit. This incident was exploited by Goebbels in a long article appearing in all German papers as proof of 'plutocratic' Britain's aim to hurt the workers primarily.

The Doomed Man's Choice

"This little joke which people in Hamburg tell each other illustrates the effectiveness of the anti-aircraft guns: A man is condemned to death. As a last favour the judge permits him to select the method of his own execution. The condemned man answers: 'In that case I want to be shot by an anti-aircraft battery.'

"Since nobody is permitted to enter the port without a special pass, it is impossible for a civilian to give exact data regarding the damage done. But I know from conversations with those whose work takes them into that zone that it is considerable. However, most of the contents of warehouses have been removed to various places in the interior, so that the destruction of piers and warehouses no longer hampers the war effort.

"Blohm & Voss, one of the world's two foremost shipyards, has been mentioned repeatedly in British dispatches. In peacetime this shipyard turned out such great liners as the Europa, Majestic, Leviathan, Cap Arcona, New York, Hamburg, Albert Ballin, Deutschland, Milwaukee, Kungsholm and many others. Their latest major product was, of course, the battleship Bismarck. It is no exaggeration to say that Blohm & Voss constitutes one of the most vital objectives on the entire Continent, and I can report

that all their facilities have been damaged more or less severely. The U-boat construction bureau is completely burned out.

"Among the industrial targets hit were oil tanks of the Rhenanla and Schlinck companies in Harburg-Wilhelmsburg, the Bavaria brewery and gas works in Barmbeck.

Some Damage Summarised

"Damage to buildings within the city ranges from broken windows and burnt-out attics to total destruction. Here are some of the public buildings and better-known office buildings which were hit:

The Stock Exchange, Adolphs Platz, central section completely destroyed.

Deutsche Bank, Adolphs Platz, hit twice, half the building destroyed.

Hamburg American Line, Alsterdamm, roof burned out.

M. M. Warburg & Co., Ferdinand- and-strasse, slight damage. (The American Consulate is located in this building.)

Petri Church, Moenckbergstrasse, one part heavily damaged.

St. Georg Hospital, Lohmühlen-strasse, children's ward saved in.

Industriepalast, Caffamacher-reihe, burned out completely.

Defaka Department Store (formerly Alsberg), Grosser Burstah, burned out completely.

One of the principal post-offices, Dammthorwall, severely demolished by direct hit.

The former Trade Union Building, now being used as an overnight lodging for soldiers in transit, Besenbinderhof, severely damaged.

Carl Schultze Theater, Reeperbahn, completely destroyed.

Levante Haus, Moenckbergstrasse, severely damaged.

Chile Haus, slightly damaged.

"The office building 'Deutscher Ring' (formerly D. H. V.), one of the tallest buildings in the city, on Karl Muck Platz, was severely damaged. The anti-aircraft battery and twenty soldiers stationed there were blown off the roof by the blast.

"Once the Moenckbergstrasse, Hamburg's principal business street, running from the main railway station to the City Hall, was closed to traffic for three days. Residential sections, such as Harvestehude, Hamm, Barmbeck and the adjoining town of Wandsbek, all had their share of damage.

Changing The Landscape

"The latest trick to which the Nazis resorted as a means to mislead the R.A.F. has been quite amusing to the people of Hamburg. The River Alster looks like a big lake in the centre of the city, and is one of the unforgettable sights of Hamburg. A natural landmark, it helps pilots in their orientation. A bridge, the Lombardsbrücke, divides it into a smaller, almost square part, called Binnen Alster (Inner Alster), and a very large part, called Assen Alster (Outer Alster). The Lombardsbrücke is a very important traffic artery, carrying, as it does, railways, street car lines and ordinary street traffic. On the opposite side of the Binnen Alster is the Jungfernstieg, one of the world's famous promenades.

"It will come as a great shock to those who have visited Hamburg in former years to know that the Binnen Alster has now been 'liquidated' (or rather the contrary). Piles have been driven into the ground, and the entire Binnen Alster has been covered with wooden planks. Little wooden houses as well as trees have been set up on these planks so as

NURSE'S 60 FT. RESCUE CLIMB

When wardens shouted "Come down at once" to a woman climbing up through the burning wreckage of a block of bombed flats 60 feet high in a London suburb recently, she replied: "There are people in the building. I am a nurse. I have to do my duty."

This woman, Assistant Commandant of a London Red Cross detachment, who was a member of the V.A.D. in the last war, has been specially commended by the Metropolitan police authorities.

In her climb through the building she had to avoid many live electric wires.

At the top she bandaged a woman who had serious head wounds. The woman died later, but her husband, who had a badly crushed foot, which has since been amputated, was saved by the application of a tourniquet. In this work the Assistant Commandant was helped by a police officer.

40-Minute Vigil

For 40 minutes while bombs were still dropping in the neighbourhood and the police were coping with a huge fire close at hand, the Assistant Commandant stayed with her patients and tried to relieve their suffering.

A little above their heads a great block of reinforced concrete hung by a thin piece of steel. The Assistant Commandant, almost exhausted, helped to carry the injured woman to a stretcher.

Gallantry of Nurse M. Jones, who spends her nights on duty in a St. Pancras shelter, is mentioned in a report of the borough A.R.P. emergency committee.

A child, choking to death with debris in the mouth and throat, was taken to the shelter. Nurse Jones had no instruments, so she put her fingers down the infant's throat so that it could breathe. Maintaining this treatment, she took the child to hospital through a heavy raid.

to give the whole thing the appearance of just another part of the city, rather than a stretch of water. The natives call it 'das Negerdorf.' The Lombardsbrücke has been made to appear like a pseudo-Jungfernstieg, even to the extent of a wooden replica of the Alster-Pavillon. A wooden bridge was built farther into the Assen Alster to simulate the Lombardsbrücke.

"The main railway station has likewise been camouflaged so as to give the impression of a hill with grass and trees.

"Smaller cities, such as Kiel and Emden, have suffered even more than Hamburg. In Emden with a normal population of 35,000, several thousand have been killed, and some 20,000 whose homes have been destroyed had to be evacuated.

"Kiel has been damaged considerably. The entire district of Gaarden, where the shipyards are, has been reduced to rubble. More than 5,000 workers have been evacuated into the suburbs, and have to commute to the city every day as soon as work can be resumed in the shipyards. Some 120 houses were destroyed or burned out in residential districts, so that wealthy people often went to Neumuenster and other neighbouring towns for the night."

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RESPITE

June was a quiet month in England. During the whole of what is usually England's best month, a month of clear days and short nights, the alarm siren was sounded in London only seven times. There were no air raids at all. Tired Londoners slept in their beds. In the long twilights they walked in the Green Park and rowed in the Serpentine as if life were normal again. For a few weeks the nightmare lifted and they had the first calm interval since the aerial war began last September to count the scars on the ravaged face of the intrepid Old Lady on the Thames.

The Germans had their worst month, pounded night after night and latterly by day by the growing forces of the R.A.F., but London enjoyed a complete respite and the rest of England suffered only sporadic raids, of constantly diminishing intensity. Over the whole country, the toll of casualties dropped from 5,300 killed in May to no more than 399 killed in June.

This relief was somewhat puzzling until the attack on Russia started.

The Germans have never engaged in two major engagements at the same time. The slowing-down of the bombing of Britain began during the Balkan campaign and gave rise to the suspicion that the Luftwaffe is not big enough for a grand-scale offensive on two fronts. This suspicion is confirmed by the near paralysis of the Nazi air arms in the West while the bombers and Stukas are attempting to blast a way for the German advance in the East.

It looks very much as if Hitler does not bomb England and Russia simultaneously because he cannot. If he could dispose of those thousands and thousands of planes he has conjured up to impress the world with a picture of illimitable air reserves, his logical strategy would be to use them without limit before British and American production reaches the peak. The truth must be that he has not the forces for this double drive. London's quiet June which has persisted into the first fortnight of July despite the thousands of tons of bombs dropped on the Rhineland, Bremen and Hanover, is not accident or reprieve; rather it marks



NOT WHAT HE ORDERED.

From Madrid To Vichy

This is the sixth of a series of articles by the distinguished French dramatist, Henry Bernstein, exiled by the Vichy government.

After Munich, September, 1938, what we have called Petainism slept again. France was aroused from her apathy, and there was a surge of self-respect and national interest which extended even to those who felt convinced that it was impossible to go to war at the time because of the disorganisation of the French Army, the weakness of French and English aviation and English indifference to the fate of Czechoslovakia.

Industrialists and others who, up to that time, had been strongly opposed to war moved suddenly into the camp of resistance. Daladier, who had accepted Munich as a necessity, became head of the party of resistance to Germany. In the face of this abrupt shift on the part of the people Laval dropped discreetly into the background, and Marshal Petain once more adopted a sphinx-like attitude.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies violent demands were made for the return of Tunisia, Corsica and, eventually, of Nice to Italy. French response to these demands had been indignant protests and mockery, and in January Daladier started on a speaking tour of our North African empire, where he was received, particularly in Tunisia, with great enthusiasm.

Daladier's trip and his success proved extremely annoying to the Petain-Laval clan. "It would be a crime," the marshal declared, "to antagonise Italy."

One is at a loss to know why France should have trembled at this time before Italy. If there was not a pro-French majority in Italy, there was an immense anti-German majority, which included the King, the Pope, many politicians and almost all the people. Had France, when war broke out, placed Italy in a position of having to choose between Germany and France, Mussolini would hardly have dared uphold the Axis. And if he had, events since then have indicated clearly that an Italian campaign would

the limits of Nazi air power—and the measure of British and American opportunity.

have been nothing more than a military march which would have brought our troops to Rome, and perhaps to the Brenner Pass.

In April, 1939, Marshal Petain was appointed French Ambassador to Madrid, where, after a rather awkward beginning, he was treated with the greatest respect by General Franco and his brother-in-law, Senor Suner, who gave lavish dinner parties for him. The man who maintained such cautious reserve in his own country, who prudently refused to commit himself, grew more expansive on foreign soil. And while he represented his country abroad, he seemed bent on destroying its dignity and respect for its politicians. He derided French politicians in such terms that he shocked the more moderate Spanish Fascists. He often

By Henry Bernstein

quoted passages from articles by Charles Maurras in the "Action Francaise" which insulted the French ministers then in power, mud-slinging articles which, indorsed by our ambassador, were harmful to our prestige as a nation abroad.

Marshal Petain one day told a visitor that he had not been sent to Spain to run errands, but to create an atmosphere sympathetic to France. This point of view would have been acceptable if:

1. Instead of creating this atmosphere Marshal Petain had not daily, by a dozen different means, lowered the prestige of his government in the eyes of the Spaniards.

2. If Marshal Petain had agreed to have an important diplomat to handle affairs between the two countries. But the marshal always opposed that.

He sent empty reports to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, although they were always written with the utmost courtesy. To M. Alexis Leger, permanent Under Secretary of State, he sent more confidential and cordial reports. Always when the marshal went to Paris he spent an hour at M. Leger's office, discussing matters freely. When the capitulation brought the marshal into power

his first act was to deprive his friend Alexis Leger of his French citizenship, his crime having consisted of upholding without weakness the foreign policy of France and of having remained pro-English, anti-Nazi, anti-Fascist.

One of the first acts of Marshal Petain, as French Ambassador to Madrid, was to establish a warm friendship with General Stohrer, the German Ambassador, which continued with equal cordiality after war broke out in September, 1939. Newspaper photographs have shown them side by side.

There can be no doubt that from this time on the marshal considered the submission of France to a new European order, commanded by the Germans, to be the only possible—or desirable—result. He represented, however, only a feeble minority in France. The outbreak of war in September found a fine spirit in the country. Efforts to rearm France had been strenuous in 1939. Germany had not yet built the seventy-ton tanks with which she was to break our positions in May, 1940. I questioned a number of soldiers who were starting out for the front. They all believed in victory. The spirit of the people was such, indeed, that Germany dared not attack the French Army until it had been exposed to eight months of propaganda and allowed to rot under the influence of insidious Petainism.

At this time Daladier, who was President of the Council, held two portfolios, being at the same time Minister of War and Minister of Foreign Affairs. Patriot to the bottom of his heart, Daladier was basically so indecisive that both departments were suffering from his fundamental weakness. In December, 1940, he realised that he was being sharply criticised for holding the two principal portfolios when one alone was a staggering job for a man in war time. In order to keep the portfolios he worked out a strange combination. He would appoint two vice-presidents of the Council, Marshal Petain and Herriot—two political adversaries, one man from the Right, the other from the Left—who would have a sort of supervisory power, the first over the War Department, the second over Foreign Affairs. Petain came hastily from Madrid and accepted on the spot.

After accepting Daladier's offer, however, Petain talked to Laval (Continued on Page 10)

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DREAM AND THE REALITY IN JAPAN

UNDER THE HEADING "Dream and reality in Japan," the "London Times" yesterday published a long review of Japanese policy from its Tokyo correspondent.

The article first outlines an historic sketch of Japanese foreign policy since the 16th Century, showing how the country emerged from seclusion, until the present China Incident gave imposing evidence that Japanese ambitions to dominate all Eastern Asia were not only dreams.

The European war seemed to hold out an opportunity of cupping them with a grandiose climax, and the Kono Cabinet decided to join those whom they regarded as prospective victors in order to obtain their consent in advance to Japan's sharing the spoils and to eliminate the remaining obstacles from Japan's path.

The article quotes Mr. Matsuo's new book regarding Japan's world mission, pointing out that Mr. Matsuo himself declared the outlines of the Japanese objectives will be made clear perhaps in 30 years and will begin to bear fruit in about 50 years.

"Peace Terms"

The article continues: "According to unofficial but authoritative pronouncements, it includes everything between the dateline of the 180th meridian and the Arabian Sea, which would embrace India, Malaya and Australia, and half the world's population.

"Its future form is indicated in the structure of Manchukuo as a nominally independent Empire under Japanese control and in the 'victor's peace terms' outlined in the 'Japan Times and Advertiser,' the Foreign Office organ, demanding the demilitarisation of all British and American strongholds from Gibraltar to Hawaii, 'independence and self-government' for all European possessions in the Pacific, and the appointment of Japanese advisers to their governments, 'to rationalise their forms of cooperation within the sphere of co-prosperity.'

"Though all Japanese statesmen insist Japan has no territorial ambitions and abhors Western imperialism, they have also made it plain that countries which prove 'insincere' or, like the Chinese, 'ignorant' of Japan's real intentions, will have to be brought to book by a strong but paternal armed hand.

Nazi Proposition

The Kono Cabinet, the article continues, fully subscribed to the Nazi proposition that the world should be divided between four or five blocs: the German-Italian bloc embracing all continental Europe and Africa; the Soviet bloc embracing presumably additional parts of Eastern and Central Asia; and the American bloc embracing North and South America; a British Empire bloc; if the British consent to a compromise peace, and a Greater East Asia bloc under Japanese leadership.

In pursuit of this aim Japan has put new vigour into her war against General Chiang Kai-shek and is likewise trying to strengthen the Nanking regime of Wang Ching-wei in a "peace movement" designed to win over the Chinese masses district by district by improving their livelihood.

To the same end she marched troops into French Indo-China, forced mediation in the territorial dispute with Thailand and concluded a trade agreement which paves the way for Japanese exploitation of French Indo-China's resources.

Two Snags

Beyond that, however, the policy has struck two snags: the continued resistance of General Chiang Kai-shek and the attitude of the Netherlands East Indies.

Japan rightly suspects that behind both stand Great Britain and the United States.

According to Kumataro Honda, Ambassador to Nanking, American help has blasted all efforts to reach a compromise peace with General Chiang Kai-shek, undertaken by the "peace brokers" at Shanghai, and the Japanese press is vehement in denouncing the Dutch Government as a mere "puppet" of the Anglo-American camp.

Theory And Fears

Japan thus faces the necessity of reaching a settlement with Great Britain and the United States before she can proceed with her plans or before she can extricate herself from the imbroglio in China.

Numerous suggestions have been advanced with that object in mind but all efforts so far have failed.

In holding fast to its policies the Kono Cabinet has had to hold fast to the theory of an ultimate British and American defeat.

THOUGH THE JAPANESE PRESS IS LOUD IN DECLARING SUCH A DEFEAT IS INEVITABLE, TO MOST JAPANESE THESE ASSERTIONS HAVE ACQUIRED A HOLLOW RING AND MANY BEGIN TO SUSPECT JAPAN HAS JUMPED INTO THE WRONG CAMP.

The more conservative Japanese statesmen are unwilling to risk such, and businessmen, conscious that prosperity depends on foreign trade, 70 per cent. of which before the war was with the Democracies, sees no necessity for it.

Aim And Methods

It is significant that suggestions that Japan should plunge into the war to help Germany and Italy are already denounced as "German Fifth Column work."

On the other hand, there is no blinking the fact that the aim of the policies has the full support of the nation, the only question raised being the wisdom of the chosen methods. All Japanese want to see their country heir to Great Britain, America and the other White powers in Greater East Asia but not at the price of national catastrophe.

Being realists they are very sensitive to the realities of power, which is why they have often retreated but never suffered an invasion or lost a war.

Though the military revolt of February 26, 1936, was crushed, its underlying ideas became to a large extent the basis of the "new structure."

The Checks

But Japanese totalitarianism was met and checked by three forces: the Diet, which, supposedly shelved, showed unexpected vigour during the last session; the conservative elements, led by Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, the Home Minister in charge of the police and guardian of Imperial rule; and the higher Army leaders, who discovered by painful experience that military and bureaucratic control of industry, far from increasing efficiency, produced a serious drop in production.

The upshot was that the Cabinet was reorganised to combine the military and business interests in war economy directed by Mr. Masatsune Ogura, former head of the Sumitomo Trust, whose chief executives again are Army and Navy men, to guarantee that his directions are carried out.

And that is where things stand to-day. — Reuter.

HITLER'S OTHER FRONT

From Nazi-occupied lands a steady trickle of smuggled news provides continuous evidence that Hitler has not overcome the dauntless spirit of the peoples he has conquered and disarmed, says the "New York Times."

Fresh evidence comes from Norway. There, all but three of the 18 provincial governors have resigned rather than obey the puppet Quisling.

Under the excuse of a shortage of workers, compulsory labour has now been decreed throughout the country.

But it will not profit the occupying power. Norwegian exports to the Reich steadily decline.

Transferable loot has been exhausted and the population ingeniously keeps production down so that new supplies fail to materialise.

Hitler reaps only new problems from the lands he has overrun. — Reuter.

FORMER BISHOP OF TOHOKU

Rt. Rev. Norman S. Binsted, D.D., former Bishop of the Diocese of Tohoku in Japan, is expected in the Colony to-day.

Bishop Binsted left Japan last Spring when the new regulations governing religious bodies went into effect. Since that time he has been in charge of the work of the American Episcopal Church in the Philippine Islands with headquarters in Manila.

Bishop Binsted, who graduated from the University of Virginia and the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia, was consecrated Bishop in 1928. By right of his seniority as Bishop he will occupy the chair of the presiding bishop at the consecration on Tuesday of Dean Wilson, Bishop-Designate of Singapore.

It is not known at this time how long Bishop Binsted will remain in Hong Kong or what engagements, other than the consecration, he will be able to fill while here. It is hoped that he may occupy the pulpit at the Cathedral on Sunday morning, July 20.

TAG DAY TO-MORROW

The Tag Day organised by The China Defence League to raise funds for the International Peace Hospitals in China, which are entirely dependent for funds and medical supplies by contributions from abroad, is to take place to-morrow.

The first I.P.H. centre was established at Wutaishan, North Shansi, by the late Dr. Norman Bethune, a Canadian surgeon and blood-transfusion specialist, who came out to China and volunteered to work among the scattered guerilla detachments in the North. At that time, they were entirely without medical aid of any sort.

To-day, the International Peace Hospitals are four in number — one at Wutaishan, one in North Shansi, one in North Shensi, and one in Anhwei — and they are meeting a need of the utmost importance by providing medical services in isolated war areas.

The need for further funds and supplies is urgent, and by giving generously to-morrow, the public will know that they are helping one man in China who is only too often forgotten or neglected — the wounded guerilla fighter in areas deep behind the Japanese lines of advance.

Any private donation or contribution to this fund may be sent to Miss M. Dudley, 72 Dinn House, Hong Kong, and will be very gratefully received by the committee of The China Defence League.

HOPKINS ATTENDS CABINET

Mr. Hopkins made the journey from America in a bomber forming one of a fleet of bombers all of whom arrived safely.

Immediately on arrival he visited the Prime Minister and subsequently attended a meeting of the Cabinet. British Wireless.

This declaration was made in Sydney yesterday by the Australian Attorney-General and Navy Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, replying to a statement alleged to have been made by the new British High Commissioner, Mr. Ronald Cross, on his arrival in Australia on Wednesday.

Mr. Cross is reported to have said: "The Russian system of government is hated throughout

England, and only a tiny minority think it better than the Nazi dictatorship."

MR. CROSS HAS PROTESTED AGAINST BEING QUOTED OUT OF CONTEXT AND STATED THAT THE REPORT OF HIS REMARKS DID NOT CONVEY HIS REAL MEANING.

"I agree with Mr. Churchill's remarks about Communism in the past," said Mr. Cross.

"I have not even begun to say what Mr. Churchill said about the Communists. It is not my business to engage in controversy but I agree with Mr. Churchill's attitude towards Communism."

Mr. Hughes had also said: "Mr. Churchill's recent speech answers Mr. Cross with whose views I disagree."

"The alliance does not commit Russia to acceptance of our theory of Democracy, nor us to accept Communism."

Meanwhile, Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, had remarked on Mr. Hughes' comments.

"Mr. Hughes was not speaking on behalf of the Australian Government.

"Mr. Cross is a highly qualified man from Britain. If he is not at liberty to make a statement regarding the position in Britain I completely misunderstand the situation."—*Reuters*

THE EDINBURGH newspaper "Scotsman," discussing Anglo-Russian relations in the light of the Japanese Cabinet crisis, points out that the new Anglo-Russian Alliance has geographical and political limitations.

It singles out Hitlerite Germany as the enemy in contrast to the more elastic phraseology of the pre-war pacts with France, Poland and other powers, which referred in general terms to "the aggressor."

Since Moscow only recently concluded a pact of non-aggression with Tokyo, which the Japanese Government has notified its intention of scrupulously observing in regard to Russia, the Russians could not have properly signed an agreement with another power specifically directed against Japan.

"The Scotsman" continues that this, however, is not to say that if Japan, contrary to all evidence now available, did attack Russia at a later date, the British would not give Russia every practical assistance. But it does mean that both London and Moscow have no desire to take steps calculated to antagonise Japan—for the benefit of the Germans—unless Japan's own attitude compels them to do so.

In other words, Britain fully recognises the binding force of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact as long as it is faithfully carried out by Japan.

The point is important when Nazi propaganda, by the circulation of false rumours, is striving

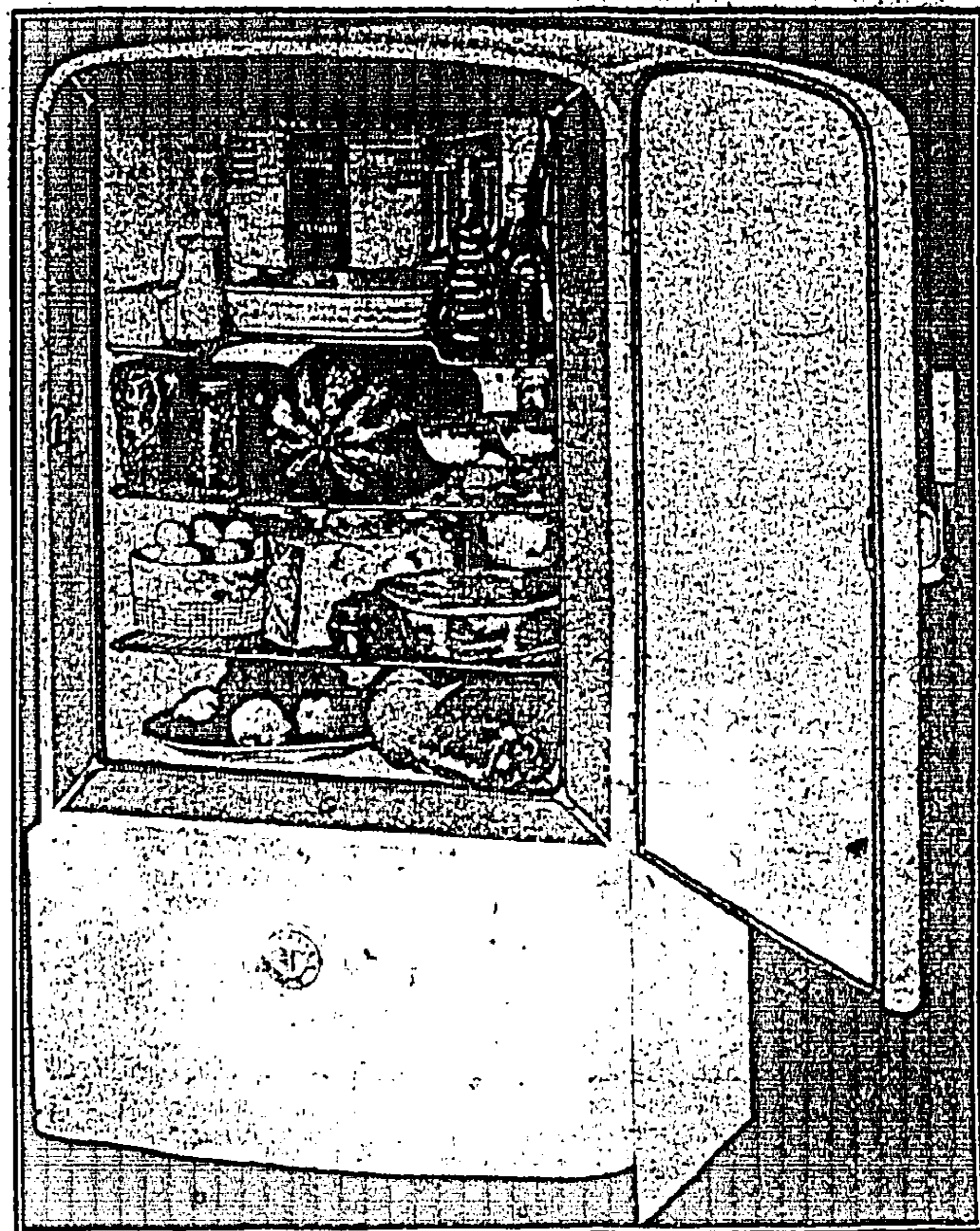
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The Secretary for Overseas Trade Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, told the Commons yesterday he was glad to be able to make this statement; and added the British Government and, no doubt, the Dominions Governments, also look to it becoming closer still.

As one example he pointed to the fact that the Wheat Advisory Committee was now meeting in Washington under the chairmanship of the British delegate. — Reuter.



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FROM MADRID TO VICHY

(Continued from Page 7)

and returned to Daladier with counter-proposition. Daladier was to be President of the Council without portfolio, Petain was to be Minister of War and Laval was to be Minister of Foreign Affairs. As for Herriot, the great leader of the Left, liberal, anti-Nazi and pro-English, he was to be excluded from the combination or must be satisfied with the Ministry of Justice.

The combination fell through, and Marshal Petain returned to his post in Madrid. "While he represented his country, now at war with Germany, the French Embassy in Madrid became a gathering place for pacifists. Back and forth, from Petain to Laval, went a constant procession of politicians, and slowly, through France, filtered the idea of a "Petain peace."

What was happening in the French Embassy in Madrid and who were the willing messengers between Petain and Laval? Among the men who made the pilgrimage to the Marshal were:

Francois Pietri, who is to-day Ambassador to Madrid and a staunch supporter of the new order. M. Pietri is a Corsican who represented Corsica in the Chamber of Deputies. Until the war he always claimed to be a liberal who was criticised for having too Leftist tendencies. But at Bordeaux, about June 20, that is, in the darkest days of the defeat, it was a surprise to hear him say that Corsica belonged to Italy and that there could be no discussion on the point. To-day, in Madrid, he is hinting at the cession of a part of French Morocco to Spain. It is through his kindly intercession that Spanish political refugees in France are being turned over to the Government of General Franco.

Senator Lemery, Petain and Laval had made him Minister of Justice in the Doumergue Cabinet. Since then he had served as liaison agent between his two masters.

Fernand de Brinon, the great friend of the German agent, Abetz. He had the merit of frankness, compared with his companions, and openly declared himself to be pro-Nazi.

Gustave Herve, the ex-anarchist, anti-militarist, whose pamphlets now called for Petain, hailing him—in advance—as the savior of France.

Loustaleau-Lacan, of the Cagoulards affairs, of which Marshal Petain had been so blissfully unaware, went to Madrid to see the marshal.

The effect of all this going to

and fro was felt as talk of a "Petain peace" grew widespread. It was in the mouth of all the reactionaries; of all the appeasers; of all the people who thought it impossible to beat Germany; or all those who, falling into the German trap, thought the Communist danger more pressing than that of Nazism. It was in the mouth, too, of a group of semi-mystics who believed that only a defeat could regenerate France. One wonders what they think to-day of France's regeneration.

One could follow the effect of this incessant talk on the little people, returning on leave from the army. They had set out full of valour and hope, they returned more discouraged each time. "Marshal Petain," they said, "was against the war. He saw war in 1914. He didn't want it to happen again. We should have let him make peace."

So the people who lied, the little people to whom they lied and the people who lied to themselves ended by having a "Petain peace." They can hardly be very enthusiastic about it.

Hitler himself, with sombre irony, added his voice to those who insisted "Petain did not want war." When he met the marshal at Montoire on October 24, 1940, in a railroad car, he held out a forgiving hand and said, "I know, marshal, that you did not want war."

How did he know? Marshal Petain never said so publicly. Gen. Stohrer, German Ambassador to Madrid, with whom Marshal Petain had such friendly conversations during the hostilities, also took part in the interview at Montoire. Perhaps he was in a position to inform the Fuehrer as to the sentiments of the marshal.

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 52

By The Four Aces

The bidding is obviously logical, so crime students will have to examine South's play of the hand to discover the misdeed in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer East-West vulnerable			
NORTH			
♠ K 10 3			
♥ Q 6 5 2			
♦ 10 6 5 3			
♣ K 10			
WEST			
♠ A J 8 6 2			
♥ A 4			
♦ Q 9 8 4			
♣ 4 3			
EAST			
♠ 6 4			
♥ 10 9 8 3			
♦ J 7			
♣ Q 9 8 7 6			
SOUTH			
♠ Q 9 7			
♥ K J 7			
♦ A K 2			
♣ A J 5 2			

The bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West led the five of spades, and South won the trick with the spade seven. Declarer then finessed dummy's ten of clubs, losing to East's Queen. A spade return was taken by West's Ace, and another spade round was taken by dummy's King. Declarer then cashed the clubs, but West discarded a diamond and a heart and obtained the lead with the heart Ace in time to defeat the contract with the rest of the spade suit.

Don't leap to conclusions too quickly, if you want to detect the crime accurately. When you think you have it, compare notes with our analysis.

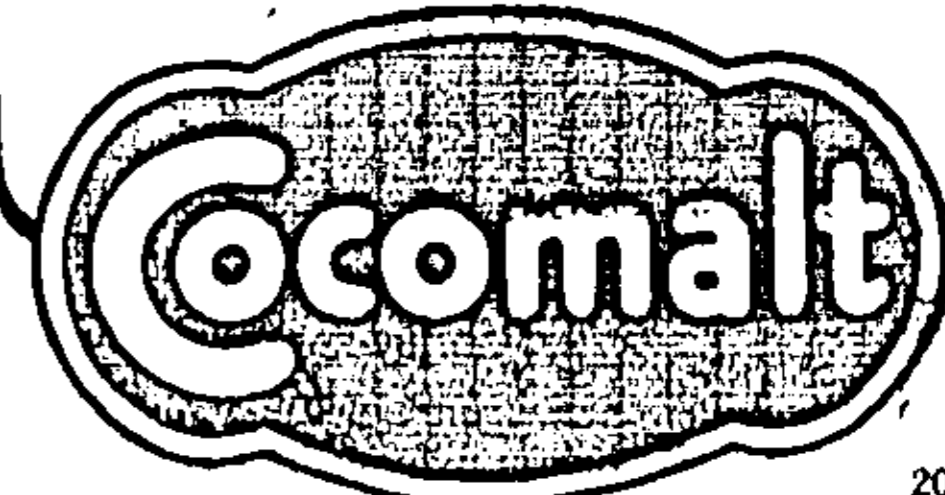
South was the criminal, but just for misguessing the location of the club Queen. That was all right, even though a correct guess in clubs would have allowed him to make the contract. But the crime was in playing clubs so soon.

Correct play is to force out the heart Ace at the second trick. Then West can clear the spades, but can never thereafter gain the lead; for South can finesse clubs towards East, losing a club trick but making sure of three club tricks altogether. The point was that South had to develop both hearts and clubs, but in the correct order. And correct play was to knock out West's entry before worrying about East's possible trick.

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♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ A 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

The bidding:
Burnstone Schenker You Malec
1♠ Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. A simple raise usually shows a weaker hand than this, but there is no better bid that you can make with this hand. If your partner cannot find another bid, you probably have no game.

Score 100% for two spades, 20% for two clubs, two diamonds, or one no-trump.

Question No. 771

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 9 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

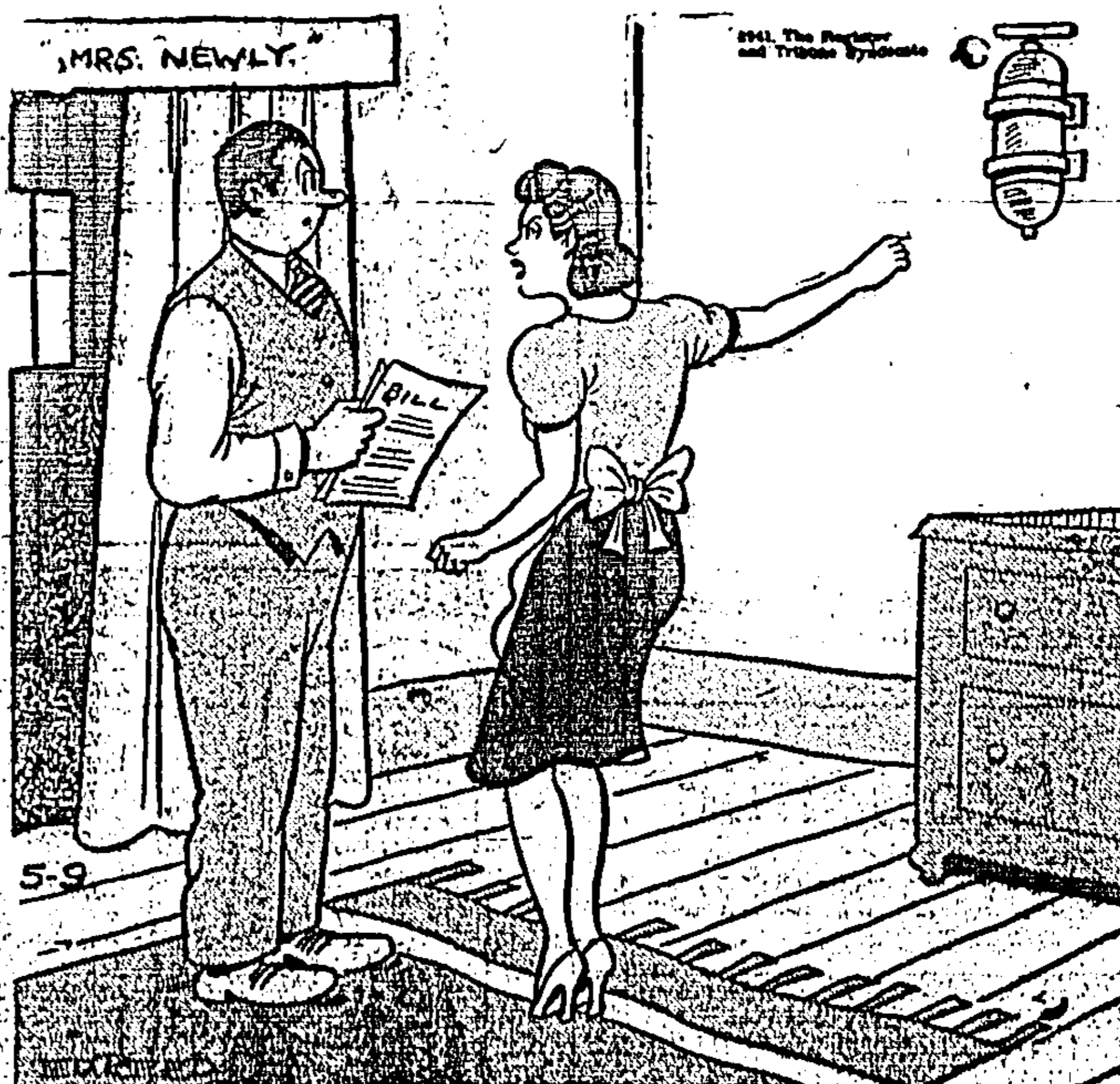
The bidding:
Jacoby Schenker You Malec
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♥ Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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By ED REED



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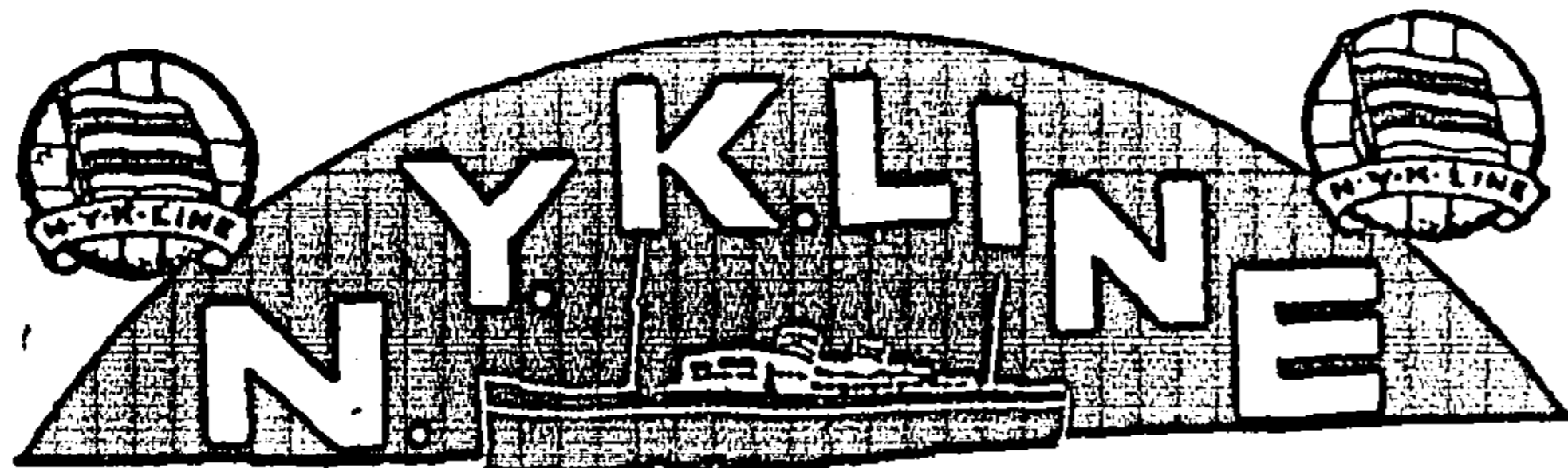
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On territory captured by our troops in a dense forest on the edge of which enemy headquarters had been stationed, Red Army men of Lieutenant Gavrilenko's company, found several scores of corpses of Rumanian soldiers.

According to the testimony of war prisoners, the Rumanian soldiers were shot by the German military for refusing to fight Soviet troops.

The prisoners stated that German storm detachments operating in the rear of every army unit mercilessly manhandle and shoot Rumanians, Hungarians and Slovaks for the slightest offence.

German soldiers take the best foodstuffs, often plundering food trains of their allies. The Rumanians have to feed on the remains from German field kitchens.

A captured soldier said that he witnessed the execution of a Rumanian just for the reason that he being wounded in both legs could not rise and salute a German lieutenant—Tass.

SECRET RADIO IN GERMANY

The broadcasting by secret transmitters of bogus official statements has become so frequent that the German High Command now publish a warning that this constitutes high treason, punishable by at least penal servitude and possibly by the death sentence. It had hitherto been assumed that the broadcasts emanated from stations outside the Reich, but the statement of the High Command indicates that at least some are operating inside Germany or the occupied countries.

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DEAKIN'S RETURN TO CIVIL SERVICE LINE-UP STOPS STRING OF DEFEATS

By "Skip"

AS NO LESS THAN SEVEN OF THE SEASON'S RECORDS WERE BEATEN AND ANOTHER FIVE EQUALLED, LAST SATURDAY'S LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE PROGRAMME MAY WELL BE TERMED THE MOST SENSATIONAL WE HAVE EVER KNOWN.

Most astounding of the whole lot was the colossal score which the Police Third Division team amassed against Club de Recreio, and the latter's consequent annihilation by 72 shots. Without in any way detracting from the Police victory, which I anticipated, it is only fair to Club de Recreio to say that they had to field several novices, some of whom had never previously played in a League match, due to a general promotion scheme on account of Volunteer duties.

This superfluity of records tends to distort one's general view of the day's programme, the best results in which were the win by Civil Service over Police in First League, Hong Kong Football Club's away victory at Craigen-gower in Second Division and Hong Kong Cricket Club's second leg of the "double," which enabled them to step up a rung in the League ladder.

CRAIGENGOWER scored a huge victory over Kowloon Dock at Hung Hom, the 58-shot margin being the highest in this section this season, and incidentally surpassing any margin last year. The visitors were vastly superior to their hosts, whose position in the League is to say the least of it rather precarious.

Bradbury, for whom Alfred Coates was in good form, was excellent against Willie Greig, whose play merited a rather better result. He had little support from his front men, although both McMaster and Mackie put up some good woods. Their opposites, Joe Leonard and Luigi Souza, although having a slight edge, were not up to standard. Bradbury had 3 fives in his total of 38 shots, his opponent scoring at only six ends.

Owing to the illness of Gaddi, Charlie Rossetti had a substitute number 2 in Rosario and he played an excellent game in a rink which, generally speaking, was out-bowling the other team, although not to the same extent as in Bradbury's case. Charlie Thom doing excellent work as second man to Bob Morrison.

Malcolm Ferguson, although never in the running after the seventh end, at which he was leading 4-3, put up the best showing. Omar being his conqueror by only a dozen shots. Tommy Coleman was largely responsible for this result, whilst brother "K. M." was the best on Omar's side. Dick Bana again being poor as third man.

Shepherd's Brilliant Last End Shot

THE return of the popular Jack Deakin must have served as an inspiration to the Civil Servants, who, after a lean time—they had not won since the first match of the season, against K.C.C.—managed to beat the Police by a narrow margin. Rakusen's 5 shot win against John Fender being their best result as Deakin got home by a last head count of a singleton and McGowan and Shepherd tied.

For Rakusen, who again played well, "Jack" Shepherd, playing what proved to be his last match before going on leave, gave an improved display and put in some pretty shots as a second man. Vic Ebbage proved a useful right hand man at times, but he was excelled by Orem, who came right onto his game. A couple of left-handers in Post and Forrest were not quite as good as usual.

Jack Deakin, after a slow start, did very well but his improvement coincided with a slight falling off on the part of his lead, Jimmy Gellatly, who had been excellent up to about the 14th end. Simmonds proved the most steady of the home four, taking the game all through, but he had nothing on "Polly" Perkins, Wally Mair's main support.

Shepherd looked to be having a small but certain win against J. F. McGowan until a five to the latter, the first real break he had, put him only one in arrears, and eventually Shepherd needed three to tie at the last head.

AND HE GOT THEM BY MEANS OF ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT SHOTS IMAGINABLE. WHEN HE BUMPED UP ONE OF HIS SIDE'S WOODS TO MAKE IT TAKE THE JACK THROUGH TO A COUPLE OF BACK ONES.

In the fact that the Jack had to go only in one direction and only a certain distance, which he nominated, lay the uncanniness of the shot!

Willie Harris was the next best man in the rink, both the other Willies, McLeod and Dall being erratic. Dan Crawley usually bettering the former towards the end of the game. Elliott Purvis was useful to his skip, who did not find the woods running too kindly for him.

Bebbington Offers Bold Front

CLUB de Recreio easily accounted for Kowloon Cricket Club, as was expected, only Norman Bebbington putting up a real fight to go down by a single shot to Luz, after leading until the 20th end. He and Peter Lloyd were the outstanding players in the visitors' rink; Luz shone most for the homesters.

Although Perry was leading well for Teddy Fincher, the rink as a whole was outclassed by Dick Alves' four—especially in the middle positions, where neither Jack nor Smith could get going.

Tommy Madar held "Spuggy" Silva until well after the tea interval, being all square at the 13th; "unlucky for some," and he scored only once more and lost by ten.

Peckham & Sykes Earn Promotion

THE standard of bowls at Kowloon Bowling Green Club, where brother met brother, was far from high, though the "A" team deserved their 4-1 win.

Alf Hall, who, I am told, "was the only one of the eight who could draw a shot" gave debutant McNeill a severe trouncing whilst Adam Holland, aided it must be admitted, by a certain amount of fortune—that is putting it mildly. Mr. Sports Editor—beat Meyer's four by 10 shots. Herbie Bicknell, the latter's new lead was probably the best player on view, and he had a definite edge on so good a player as Willie Walker. Both skips were off.

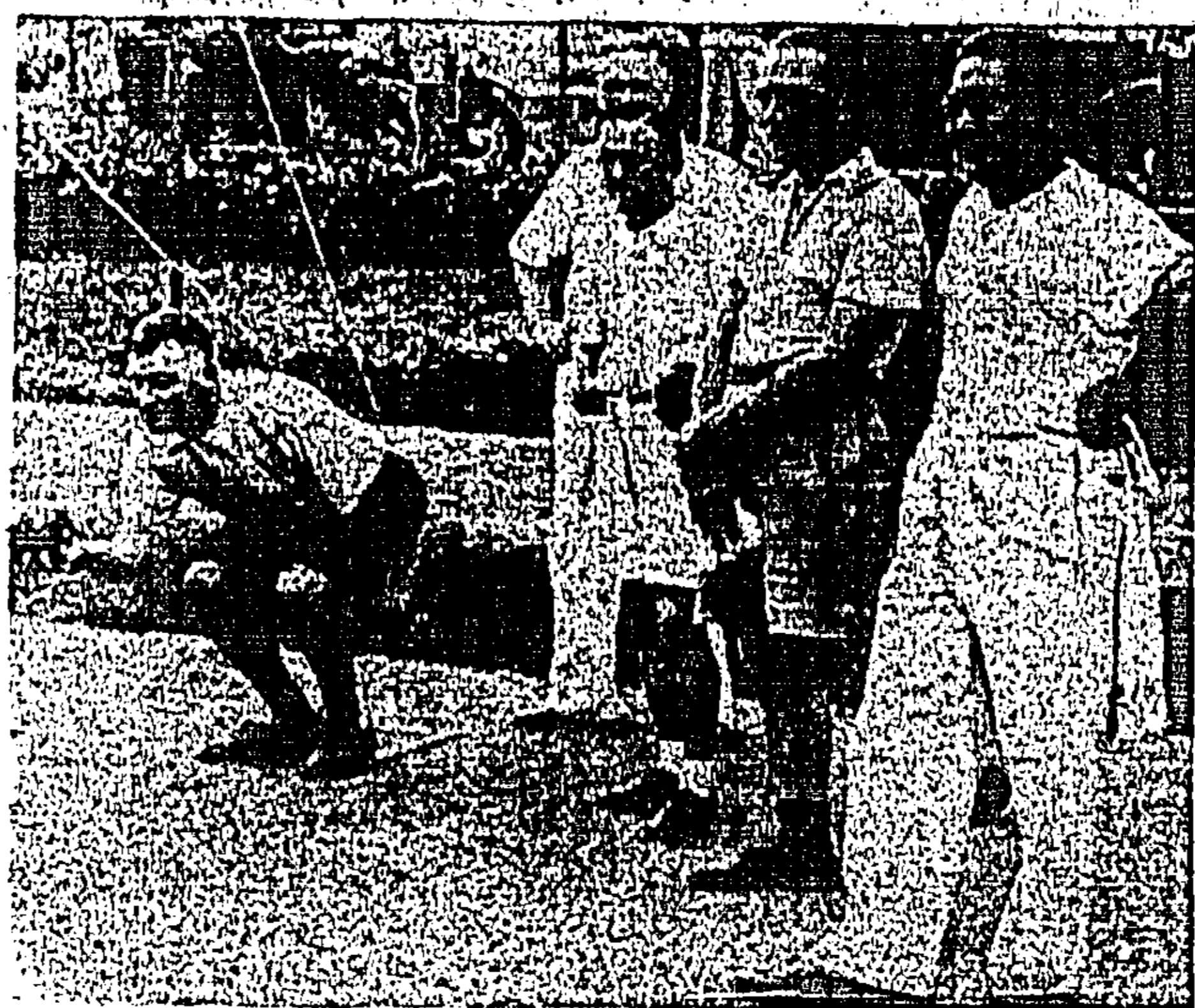
Percy Peckham receives promotion to the first team by reason of his excellent game against McKelvie's four, whilst Len Sykes, his No. 3, goes back to the "A" team, for whom he began the season, for a similar reason. These two were right on form and although McKelvie played some pretty shots, the combination was too strong for him and Drew to cope with.

Guterres Playing Excellent Bowls

I HAVE been able to glean little information about the game at Sokunpoo, where Club de Recreio "B" were entertained and lost an exceptionally high-scoring game by half-a-dozen shots and 4 points to 1. The latter point was saved by Doc Guterres, who is playing excellent bowls just now—see the skip's table—and is full of confidence. He beat Abbas by three shots after being a couple to the bad with three heads to go.

Dallah, not a couple of skips' points and one for his side by reason of securing the narrowest of wins—achieved at the last head—against Charlie Silva. In contrast to these results, however, Minu was always well ahead of John Bato, though the Portuguese skip rallied towards the finish.

Ho Hong-ping, novice Jackie, who had to give up riding soon after the 1941 Annual Race Meeting, has now sufficiently recovered from his operation for appendicitis to be thinking of going down to the course again, and he will resume racing in September.



Hong Kong Football Club beat Craigen-gower C.C. by 2 rinks to 1 in Second Division of the Lawn Bowls League last Saturday. Our photograph shows W. Ward, No. 3 to N. P. Karanjia's C.C.C. rink, bowling with his team-mate, C. W. Lam (nearest camera), H. V. Pearse, A. Brooksbank and R. P. Shaw looking on.

SIMPSON'S RINK TOTAL 18 AFTER ONLY FIVE ENDS

By "Skip"

CLUB DE RECREIO HAD A "HAM AND EGG" TEAM OUT AGAINST KOWLOON TONG IN SECOND DIVISION AND WERE BADLY BEATEN, STEPHENS HAVING THE BIGGEST WIN AGAINST MARCUS CARVALHO, FOR WHOM L. A. GUTIERREZ—DONOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SHIELD—TURNED OUT AS THREE. HE HAS NOT BEEN PLAYING MUCH LATELY AND DID NOT PULL HIS WEIGHT.

CRAIGENGOWER CHANGES IN 3RD DIVISION

With the return of L. Gaddi to Rossetti's rink, Craigen-gower Cricket Club will have their full team playing for them again tomorrow. Last Saturday Gaddi was a non-starter and his place was taken by Rosario.

For their Third Division match against Indian Recreation Club, Coelho's rink remains unchanged but for the fact that Todd will be lead instead of Curd. Medina, who was No. 3 to Way in Second Division last week, takes over a rink and will play instead of Randall. His front men will be Pavri, Li Sul-wing and Rosario (No. 2 to Rossetti's First Division rink last week). Randall had Pavri, Itenson and Modi playing for him.

The third rink also sees a complete change. Karanjia, who had a rink of his own in Second Division last week, will be leading one in Third Division this time with Lam, No. 2 to Zimmerman (2nd Division last week) as his right hand man. Delgado, No. 3 to Lammert last week, will be lead while Modi, Randall's No. 3 last week, will be No. 2. Lammert will not be seen in action this time.

Following are the teams: First Division (v. Kowloon C.C. away): J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (skip); A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Bana, M. Omar (skip); A. A. Razack, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt, C. S. Rossetti (skip).

Third Division (v. Indian R.C. way): R. K. Pavri, Li Sul-wing, D. A. Rosario, M. J. Medina (skip); E. J. Todd, A. E. S. Alves, E. S. Franks, A. J. Coelho (skip); F. X. Delgado, F. K. Modi, Dr. C. W. Lam, Dr. N. P. Karanjia (skip).

SING TAO MANAGER NOT PESSIMISTIC

The "Sin Tao Jih Pao" states that Mr. Aw Ho, manager of the Sing Tao football team, said yesterday that the combined Eastern and Sing Tao football team now on tour in Australia will be returning to the Colony at the end of September, in time to start their League programme.

The report that some of the team hope to stay in Australia appears to have little foundation. Besides having purchased return tickets to Hong Kong, it would be difficult for these players to obtain permission to stay in Australia.

CRICKET CLUB'S DOUBLE

By "Skip"

I can recognise only about three or four of the names in Club de Recreio's line-up against Police in Third Division so I presume the rest were all novices: I hope they will not be disheartened by the slaughter of the innocents, of which they were the victims!

As I indicated in my forecast last Saturday, Police are very strong this season. Presuming that they could win outright the 2 games which they have in hand with K.B.G.C., present leaders, they would be only half a point in arrears. Food for thought; should you care to study the League table, where you will find that, with one exception, they are more than these two games in hand.

And without wishing to rob the Police team of their glory—we'll leave this match at that!

Pavri's Promise

CRAIGENGOWER scraped home to a victory against Kowloon Football Club which upset my forecast again—not so successful this week. Coelho's win by 4 was the biggest one on either side, and he always had a useful lead until Abbas started creeping up, one at a time, in the second half.

Pavri, a new player, displayed encouraging form as lead to Herbert Randall, the other winning home skip, whilst Modi as third man to him was always doing something useful. Of the Kowloon four I heard that both Fuller and Tommy Ferguson were going great guns. Randall scored his winning shot at the last head.

Lionel Lammert lost to Bob Ogden by a brace to suffer the only home defeat, after a rare tussle in which both skippers shone.

Wahab's Recovery

HONG Kong Football Club won quite comfortably against Indians, for whom only Wahab won. His game again Guy Stephens was an unusual one in that he was 15-7 down at one stage yet managed to win by a margin of over half-a-dozen.

Sammy Carr could not find the form he had recently displayed and Arcull had him skinned, so to speak. Bickford and Stephens were good, especially in the early stages but then Wahab and his able assistant, A. H. Madar, took command.

George Graver, for whom I understand Ken Forrow played well as lead, managed to pip A. O. Madar after an uphill struggle in which he had not the lead until the 18th, but James Ralston simply ran away from S. M. Rumjahn after tea, scoring 21 shots to a singleton in nine heads. Syd Strange was the strong man here.

Valentine Leads Well

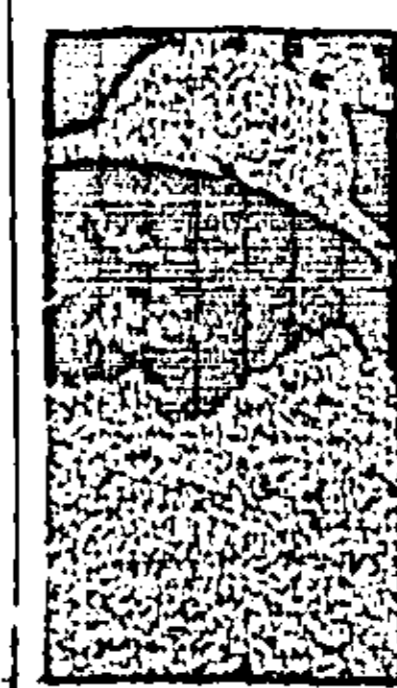
HONG Kong Cricket Club completed a nice double at the expense of the Electricians, P. J. A. Hamilton's four playing havoc with the rink skipped by Reg Butler, which was able to score at only six ends.

Archie Nissim also collected a point, which was pretty good against Sloan, who is not easy to beat. Doc Valentine led well for Nissim, Edgar Abraham secured the biggest count of the rink when he got a five, but the result was a foregone conclusion by that time and he lost by eight shots.

MINIATURE RACING AT RECREIO

In spite of the fact that the Miniature (Wooden) Horse Racing held at Club de Recreio last evening was only for members and friends, quite a large crowd attended, with the result that the 20-cent cash sweep conducted on the last race paid the holder of the winning ticket \$47.50.

Records were for the B.W.O.F. Mr. E. de Souza, who was in charge of the meeting, told the "China Mail" that in order to confine such meetings to members and their friends, only admission to future meetings will be "by card only."



L. E. Lammert



R. C. Butler

SOUTH CHINA'S PROSPECTS ARE GREATLY ENHANCED IN FOURTH DIVISION TENNIS

CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB BADLY JEOPARDISED THEIR CHANCES OF FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TENNIS HONOURS WHEN, IN THEIR "NEEDLE" MATCH AGAINST SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AT KING'S PARK LAST EVENING, THEY LOST BY 2½ SETS TO 6½.

Prior to the game they were the only two unbeaten teams in the competition. As a result of their win, therefore, South China have greatly enhanced their championship prospects.

South China's outstanding games are against the two lowly-placed Post Office Recreation Club teams and Chinese Recreation Club, and if present form is any criterion they should have no difficulty in retaining the C.B.A. Shield they won from Chinese Recreation Club last year.

South China Win

At King's Park, South China Athletic Association beat Craigengower Cricket Club by 6½ sets to 2½. Scores were:

K. T. Wong and K. I. Sit (S.C.A.A.): beat K. L. Au and C. M. Lee, 6-3, beat Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung, 6-1, beat H. Wong and P. C. Yiu, 6-4.

H. K. Ho and C. L. Lau (S.C.A.A.): beat Au and Lee, 6-3, beat Mok and Leung, 6-1, lost to Wong and Yiu, 3-6.

C. T. Yip and W. H. Mok (S.C.A.A.): lost to Au and Lee, 4-6, beat Mok and Leung, 6-2, drew with Wong and Yiu, 6-6.

Indians & Army Draw

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club shared 9 sets with Indian Recreation Club. Scores were:

S. Sgt. Ford and L. Cpl. Stone (A.T.C.):—beat M. H. Hassan and G. Singh, 7-5, beat M. S. Hassan and M. I. Razaek, 6-1, beat A. J. Sufliad and U. A. Rumjahn, 6-2.

S. Sgt. Mitchell and Spr. Elzry (A.T.C.):—drew with Hassan and Singh, 6-6; lost to Hassan and Razaek, 4-6, beat Sufliad and Rumjahn, 6-4.

Sgt. Coughlin and Bdr. Mow (A.T.C.):—lost to Hassan and Singh, 0-6; lost to Hassan and Razaek, 3-6; lost to Sufliad and Rumjahn, 5-7.

C.R.C. Take Points

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Chinese Recreation Club by 5½ sets to 3½. Scores were:

S. R. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.):—beat C. M. Wong and Alfred Lui, 6-3, lost to C. N. Tsang and T. F. Choy, 3-6, beat M. C. Lau and C. T. Tso, 6-3.

A. R. Poliak and M. Talan (J.R.C.):—lost to Wong and Lui, 1-6; lost to Tsang

It is not generally known that The Northcote Training College is equipped with an excellent gymnasium, though facilities for outdoor sport are so limited that grounds have had to be "borrowed" whenever the need for such arose.



A youngster of twenty, wearing the pale blue Rugby cap, walked out recently to bat for M.C.C. against the school. He was Sergeant Gunner L. G. H. Hingley, who the night previous was watching bombs dropping on Germany. Our photograph shows Hingley chatting with his former Headmaster at Rugby School. (Copyright, Fox Photos).

Games Postponed

The matches between Post Office Recreation Club (1) and Filipino Club against Kowloon Indian Tennis Recreation Club and Post Office Recreation Club (2) respectively were postponed.

Table To Date

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	7	7	0	0	0	53	10	14
C.R.C.	6	5	1	0	0	39	14	10
C.C.C.	6	5	1	0	0	40	13	10
F.C.	6	4	2	0	0	30	20	8
A.T.C.	6	2	3	1	27	26	2	5
I.R.C.	6	2	3	1	20	34	5	5
C.B.A.	5	2	3	0	20	20	2	4
P.O.R.C. (1)	6	2	4	0	16	38	4	4
P.O.R.C. (2)	4	1	3	0	12	24	2	2
J.R.C.	5	0	5	0	9	32	0	0
K.I.T.C.	5	0	5	0	6	39	0	0

K.C.C. PLAY UNIVERSITY TO-DAY

Kowloon Cricket Club will play off their First Division League Tennis fixture against University at Cox's Road to-day at 5.15 p.m., but, up till this morning, the K.C.C. captain could only muster four regular players, namely E. C. and E. F. Fincher, S. A. Gray and A. Crawford, and there is every likelihood that junior players will be brought in to fill the two vacancies.

ARMY TENNIS LEAGUE

Two "B" Division matches in Army Tennis League were played off at Sookunpoo last evening resulting as follows:—

Royal Army Service Corps beat Royal Army Medical Corps "B" by two points to one, the scores being:—

Gibbs and Jones (R.A.S.C.):—beat Sgt. Parkins and Dunne, 7-5, 8-6. Young and Fare (R.A.S.C.):—lost to Sgt. Smith and Sgt. Langley, 4-6, 3-6, 5-7.

Morgan and Heath (R.A.S.C.):—beat S/Sgt. Shorthouse and Cpl. Cross, 4-6, 8-6, 6-5.

R.A.O.C. WIN
Royal Army Ordnance Corps beat Royal Engineers by two points to one, the scores being:—

S/Cdr. Gardner and L/Cpl. Pinder (R.A.O.C.):—beat S/Sgt. Kehoe and Cpl. Hawkins, 6-3, 6-4, 10-8.

Cpl. Reynolds and L/Cpl. Roberts (R.A.O.C.):—beat Sgt. Spencer and Cpl. Birrell, 2-6, 7-5, 10-8.

Sgt. Hewitson and Pte. Dunne (R.A.O.C.):—lost to L/Cpl. Moxham and Spr. Tropp, 2-6, 1-6, 0-6.

"B" DIVISION STANDINGS

	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	18	17	1	17
R.A.O.C.	18	13	5	13
12th Battery	12	12	0	12
24th Battery	21	12	9	12
36th Battery	15	10	5	10
5th A.A.	15	8	7	8
Royal Signals	21	8	13	8
Royal Engineers	12	7	5	7
Middlesex	12	4	8	4
R.A.S.C. "A"	9	4	5	3
R.A.M.C. "B"	9	3	6	3
R.A.M.C. "A"	9	3	6	3
965th Battery	18	3	15	3
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18	3
R.A.S.C. "A"	9	2	7	2

NAVY "A" TEAM HELD

Results of the matches played in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water Polo Tournament yesterday are as follows:—

Y.M.C.A. POOL

	5th A.A. Regt.	R.A. Giblein
Jennings, Burdge and Hymas	3	1
Middlesex "B"	3	1
Peacock (2), and Paul (2), Hold-Radley	3	1
Y.M.C.A. 5	965th R.A.	1
P. Wilson (2), C. Leong Kwok-Goldman (2) and Roberts		1

League Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Signals	14	14	0	0	78	9	28
Y.M.C.A.	15	13	2	0	75	17	26
Middlesex "A"	13	12	1	0	70	12	24
R. Navy "A"	13	9	3	1	49	29	19
R. Scots "A"	14	9	5	0	47	30	18
Combined Small Units	15	8	6	1	40	49	17
8th Regt. R.A.	11	5	4	2	29	36	12
R. Navy "C"	13	5	6	2	34	38	12
Middlesex "B"	13	4	8	1	27	49	9
5th A.A. Regt.							
R.A.	13	3	8	2	30	38	8
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	40	5
36th Bty. R.A.	13	1	11	1	15	62	3
965th Bty. R.A.	14	0	12	2	19	72	2
Royal Scots "B"	13	0	12	1	13	56	1



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YAU SAI-KWAN AGAIN BEATS CHARLES HUANG IN QUARTER MILE

CHARLES HUANG, FORMER SHANGHAI CHAMPION AND V.E.C. UNIVERSITY SWIMMER, SUSTAINED HIS SECOND DEFEAT IN THE COURSE OF SIX DAYS AT THE HANDS OF YAU SAI-KWAN, SECOND STRING LAI TSUN SWIMMER AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPROVED SWIMMERS THIS SEASON, OVER THE 440 YARDS FREE-STYLE COURSE AT ARMY POOL LAST EVENING, YAU WINNING BY NO LESS THAN 7 SECONDS AGAINST HIS MORE EXPERIENCED OPPONENT.



Yau Sai-kwan

The occasion was a friendly contest between Lai Tsun Swimming Union and a team representing Royal Scots and Combined Small Units. The Chinese won every event except the water-



Charles Huang, above, was beaten last night by Yau Sai-kwan over 440 Yards for the second time in less than a week.

polo match which brought the programme to a conclusion, when Army scored 9 goals against Lai Tsun's 2.

Results were as follows:

100 Yards Free-Style:—1. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun), 2. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun), 3. Pte. Macdonald (Army). Time, 65.

100 Yards Back-Stroke:—1. Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun), 2. Lau Yiu-tung (Lai Tsun), 3. Lieut. Hunter (Army). Time, 78.

440 Yards (Free-Style) Invitation:—1. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun) (5:47); 2. Charles Huang (V.R.C.) (5:54).

100 Yards Breast-Stroke:—1. Tsang Cheong-po (Lai Tsun), 2. Luk Sze-sing (Lai Tsun), 3. Cpl. Bedford (Army). Time, 80.

200 Yards Medley Relay:—1. Lai Tsun (Lai Tsun), 2. Tsang Cheong-ming, Lau Tai-ping, 2. Army (Lieut. Hunter, Cpl. Bedford, Sgt. Bennett). Time, 2:18.

Eight Lengths Relay:—1. Lai Tsun (Lai Tsun), 2. Tsang Cheong-ming, Chan Chun-nam, Poon Wing-kai, 2. Army (Sgt. Allen, Lieut. Miller, Pte. Macdonald, Sgt. Bennett). Time, 2:18.

Seven Lengths Medley Relay:—1. Lai Tsun (Tsang Cheong-ming, Yau Sai-kwan, Chan Chun-nam, Lau Tai-ping), 2. Army (Bdr. Plummer, Sgt. Hunt, Pte. Elms, Pte. McHugh). Time, 2:24.

Water-Polo:—Army 9 (Allen (4), Hunt (3), Macdonald, Bennett) v. Lai Tsun 2 (Lau Yiu-tung 2).

Against right-hand pitching, New York Yankees employ Tommy Henrich and Bill Dickey, and Charley Keller drops from third position to fifth.

The Summer number of the "Yellow Dragon" (Queen's College school magazine) has just been published and one paragraph dealing with the annual athletic sports is to the effect that "the next annual sports meeting is still a long way off, but while we are in valedictory mood, we should like to take the opportunity of saying that the Principal and staff are always glad to welcome all old boys at these meetings and see them take part in the two events specially arranged for them."

He has been especially effective against Stanford, having won all 10 games he pitched against them in his four years of competition. Besides his splendid pitching he broke up many games with his timely hitting and led the Golden Bears this season with the fine average of .429.

If they win the baseball pennant for 1941—and there is no reason to believe they will not—Mindanao will have achieved the rare distinction of carrying off this honour two seasons in a row. "Ski" Powlawski and Tony Mascavage, incidentally, have been the battery both years.



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No, Sir, the Black Out does not start for forty minutes. Captain Jenkins and five other gentlemen coming over with you from the Mess?—very good, Sir—I'll put out drinks in the billiard room. You think they'll be staying late, Sir? Then I'll tell cook to prepare sandwiches. And a piano? Certainly, Sir. Might I suggest the cottage piano from the nursery, not the grand from the music room. No, Sir, no light showing through the blinds—I have taken every precaution. And I will also make a point of leaving out six bottles of Rose's Lime Juice to avoid any possibility of what are known in civilian life as hangovers. In times like the present, Sir, we must be prepared for any emergency. Goodbye, Sir. I'll be back about 5 a.m. No, Sir, I won't forget the Rose's. Goodbye, Sir.

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HOCKEY ON ROLLERSKATES CUP RULES

Following are the "Rules" drawn up by the sponsors of the "Chi Yin Yat Po" Cup Hockey (on roller skates) Tournament:—

1. The puck is always in play and should be flicked but not hit.
2. Hooking, obstructing or tackling from behind is not allowed; the stick should not be lifted above the abdomen, but both sides of the stick can be used.
3. Attacking players must not be over the line designated on the rink, otherwise it will be called off-side.
4. In cases of off-side, the puck must be pulled-off.
5. The goalkeeper is not allowed to lie across the goal and must always be on his skates. The stick must not be laid on the ground and must be kept in his hands at all times.
6. The goalkeeper is allowed to hold the puck and throw it sideways, but not to his front.
7. If the puck is above the head it can be stopped with hands or feet, but kicking is not allowed.
8. If a player is sent off the rink for fouling, the time must not be more than two minutes.
9. Every team consists of six players, but in case of a smaller rink, five players will be played instead.
10. The official time for each game is limited to 30 minutes.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's starting times for Fanning on Sunday are as follows:—

OLD COURSE

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| 9.16 a.m. | T. E. Pearce, K. S. Morrison. |
| 9.20 " | A. B. Purves, R. Forrest. |
| 9.24 " | S. L. Lloyd, I. H. Geare. |
| 9.28 " | H. F. Phillips, J. A. Parrish. |
| 9.32 " | B. O. Baldwin, W. Hewitt. |
| 9.36 " | P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland. |
| 9.40 " | J. C. Taylor, R. Young. |
| 9.44 " | L. A. R. Duncan, J. G. H. Lander. |
| 9.48 " | J. G. Jensen, Capt. Barclay. |
| 10.00 " | Capt. Young, E. G. Price. |
| 10.16 " | A. E. Lissaman, D. S. Robb. |
| 10.20 " | C. W. E. Bishop, W. Woodward. |

Zeke Bonura is batting at a 400 pace for Minneapolis.

With the introduction of hockey and basketball on roller skates, some of the more enterprising young sportsmen have been talking about starting a softball competition on the same lines.

The annual general meeting of Hong Kong Rifle Association will be held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, on Thursday, July 24, at 5.30 p.m. The election of a Council, President, Vice-Presidents, Auditor, Legal Adviser, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are items on the agenda.

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Gold Cup

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Whirlaway perhaps is the finest race horse in America at any distance from five-eighths to four miles, but distance is his forte.

While in no sense a plodder like Gusto and Dauber, Whirlaway is not cut out to set the pace and run his own type of race, meeting and repelling all challengers as they come along as did Man o' War and his fine son, War Admiral.

Whirlaway must be carefully rated.

He must not be called upon too soon or too late.

He requires an Arcaro in the pilot house.

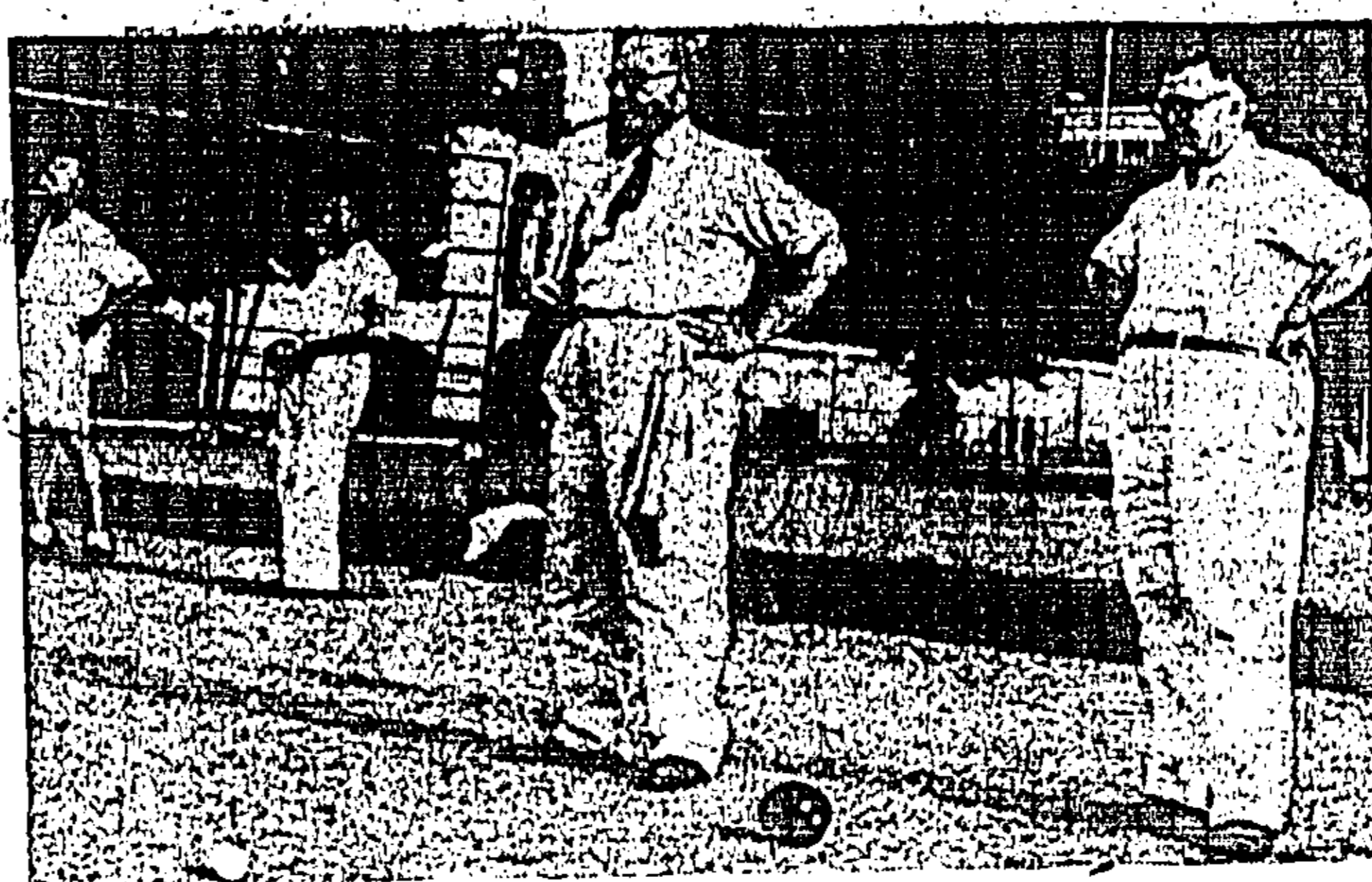
On the small side—standing no more than 15 hands 3 inches, the blaze-faced Whirlaway is deep through the heart and shoulder and exceedingly well made. His conformation and appearance suggest power plus, but he is a nervous fellow.

SHANGHAI GIANTS OF THE PAST

Writing in his daily feature under the heading of "Random Shots" on July 6, the Sports Editor of the "China Press", Shanghai, bemoans the fact that present-day players in the various fields of sport do not compare favourably with the giants of the past.

Dealing with tennis first he says:—"Carson may be the City's tennis champion but if his performance in the Mixed Doubles Championship be any criterion I am afraid he would have been outclassed by the veterans in their heyday. Toussaint ruled the roost for a number of years, after which we had Sheldon, Potts, Tanaka, Roberts. . . . Again among the fair sex, none of the local stars to-day would stand up to a match with Mrs. C. D. Pearson."

The writer then goes on to cricket



E. S. Abraham (with pipe), H.K.C.C. skip, and his opposite number, L. de Rome (Electric) caught by our cameraman at Chater Road last Saturday, when the home team won by 2 runs to 1, de Rome being the only visiting skip to be "up." In the background are J. K. Sloan, Electric R.C., getting ready to bowl, while A. Nissim of H.K.C.C. looks on. Nissim won 27-20.

RUMOURS OF H.B. STARS JOINING OTHER CLUBS "ENTIRELY UNFOUNDED"

RUMOURS TO THE EFFECT THAT SOME OF THE BASEBALL PLAYERS WHO TURNED OUT FOR H.B. IN THE LEAGUE HAVE APPLIED TO JOIN OTHER CLUBS (THIS TEAM WITHDREW LAST WEEK FOLLOWING DISAGREEMENT WITH HONG KONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION AS A RESULT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S REFUSAL TO THE H.B. REQUEST FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF THEIR GAME AGAINST MINDANAO), "ARE ENTIRELY UNFOUNDED," ACCORDING TO MR. DHUN RUTTONJEE, SPONSOR OF THE H.B. TEAM.

Mr. Ruttonjee said that maybe some of the non-playing members of the club had voiced such intentions, "but I can assure you that they do not include any of the present crowd."

Enquiries from Mr. Roy Lau, Hon. Secretary of the Baseball Association, elicited the information that "no such application had been received."

"If we do receive any, though," Mr. Lau said, "there is no reason why they should not be granted. For instance, there must be some of the H.B. players who will want to take part in the International series which begins early next month. Applications from them to play for the different sides will most certainly be granted, for we cannot hold anything against the players just because the management of their club saw fit to withdraw."

AIR FORCE CRICKET WIN OVER ARMY

There was a Test Match flavour about the cricket at Lord's on June 21, where 10,000 watched the first of four matches arranged between the Army and the Royal Air Force in aid of Army charities. A. B. Sellers, Yorkshire captain, skippered the Army, which also included Leyland and Verity, both of Yorkshire, P. Smith and Nichols, both of Essex, while Royal Air Force included Barnett of Gloucester and Todd of Kent, Matthews of Northamptonshire, Washbrook of Lancashire and Gregory of Surrey.

Royal Air Force won by 5 wickets, scores being Army: 261 for 5 dec. (P. Smith 70, Nichols 80); Royal Air Force: 262 for 5 (Squires of Surrey 54, Ames 127).

A British Empire XI, beat Not's by 118 runs, scores being Empire: 256 for 4 dec. (Barling of Surrey 53), Not's: 138 (Merritt the New Zealand Test bowler, 4 for 45).

Aldershot beat Cambridge University by 8 wickets in a two-day match, scores

REMARKABLE LOTTERY INCIDENTS

IN 1885, WHEN TATTERSALL'S SWEEPS WERE CONDUCTED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, A MAN NAMED DAVIDSON DREW BOTH FIRST AND SECOND PRIZES IN THE CAULFIELD CUP SWEEP.

That was the year Grace Darling won.

Mr. Davidson's luck was really phenomenal, for neither of his horses would have secured a place but for one of the worst accidents in the history of the turf in Australia.

Eleven horses fell. One jockey was killed, and several badly injured, including Frank McGarth, now one of Sydney's leading trainers.

You'd think Mr. Davidson's luck would have ended there. But it didn't.

Melbourne Cup

In 1906, he drew Posidon in the Melbourne Cup. Posidon won too.

Records show that at least three men have won the sweep more than once.

No prizes are given for bad luck.

If they were, the first award would surely go to a Sydney horseman, who was well known on the race tracks many years ago.

His horse was entered for a big event at Randwick, and he had more than an even chance.

But the owner wanted something more than the prize money.

Inducement Required

A big sweep was being run on the race, and he thought the man who drew his horse might give him some inducement to start.

The details of the draw, then being conducted in another State, had not been received when he left for the course.

He asked the manager of the hotel at which he was staying to wire him at the course if the person who drew his horse made any inquiries.

He would start the horse only if he were assured of something

Needed Drink-Then!

No word was received from the hotel, so before the race he scratched his horse.

When he returned to the hotel that night, he looked up the result sheets.

Then he went into the bar and ordered a double whisky.

He had drawn his own horse.

DID YOU KNOW?

Before being permanently branded with the nickname Red Sox, the Boston Americans were at various times known as the Somersets, Puritans, Plymouth Rocks, and Speed Boys.

being Cambridge: 125 (Gover of Surrey 5 for 30); and 116 (Gover 5 for 40). Aldershot: 205 (E. W. Dawson the Leicestershire captain, 63) and 41 for 2.—Reuter.



When the H.B. squad failed to put in an appearance at Raffles Corner for their match against U.B.S. Mindanao last Saturday, 'Onung' Hwa stepped into the breach and was beaten 2-2. Our photograph shows the Hwamen on the benches during the game, with "Grandpa" Laung in the middle of the group, resting his foot on the seat.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE D.N.B. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SMOLENSK HAS BEEN CAPTURED IS DISCREDITED BY THE SOVIET HIGH COMMAND, WHICH HOWEVER ADMITS THAT THE GERMANS ARE THREATENING THE FORTIFIED JUNCTION CITY, WHICH IS THE MAIN GATEWAY TO MOSCOW.

The Russians state that a heavy battle was in progress all day Wednesday and through Thursday morning to the west of Smolensk, but claim to be holding the German attack, while only ninety miles to the south in the Bobruisk sector, the Soviet counter-offensive, which threw the Germans back over the Dnieper, is continuing "in full force with great ardour and success."

The Germans officially were silent yesterday on the claim to Smolensk, and Berlin reports concerned themselves almost exclusively with operations near Murmansk, the drive against Leningrad and the Kiev thrust.

It is interesting in view of the German claim to have captured Murmansk in their first onslaught from north Finland, that the German communique stated: "Murmansk is facing fresh danger of capture after combined German-Finnish forces, in a heavy battle, seized the fortified town of Salla, only 65 miles west of Kandalaksha, situated on the northwest tip

of the White Sea on the Murmansk railway.

In the Kiev sector, the German communique speaks of Nazi panzers "crushing fierce Russian counter-attacks" and "sweeping east beyond Kiev which is now facing encirclement."

The Russians are content to say that no major engagements have

occurred in the Kiev sector and that the front has undergone no important change.

Pskov Sector

In the northern sector, the Germans claim to be threatening Pskov, east of Pskov, and there seems to be some reason to believe that armoured units have penetrated the Soviet line at some points, though Pskov is still in Russian hands.

The Germans naturally insist that the Germans have "hurled the Russian forces into a general retreat," that the Nazi armies "continue to push through the broken Stalin Line" and, of course, that "important development are ripening."

Stockholm despatches received in London report a combined Russian naval and air bombardment of the Latvia port and capital, Riga, which is in German hands. Russian warships shelling the port were attacked by German aircraft unsuccessfully.

THE LONDON "DAILY MIRROR" QUOTES MOSCOW RADIO FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PLOESTI HAS AGAIN BEEN HEAVILY BOMBED, LEAVING THE PETROLEUM FIELDS "A HUGE SEA OF FLAMES."

The "Daily Telegraph's" Stockholm correspondent says that Tallinn has been set on fire by the Russian garrison. Russian troops are defending a ring of forts round Tallinn while carrying out M. Stalin's scorched earth programme. —International News Service.

Still A D.N.B. Scoop

Up to 6.30 last evening the German radio had still made no mention of the claim earlier by the official German news agency that the important town of Smolensk, 220 miles west of Moscow, had been captured by the Nazis.

Five Battles

The following is the text of a Red Army communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau early this morning:—

"During July 17 our troops waged battles in the directions of Pskov, Pskhov, Polotsk, Smolensk, Novograd-Volinsk and on a sector of the Bessarabian front."

"As a result of the fighting no important change took place in the disposition of our troops on the front."

"During July 17, our air force operated against enemy motor and mechanised troops and destroyed aircraft on aerodromes."

"During July 15 and 16, 98 German aircraft were destroyed. We lost 23."

The official German news agency stated early this morning that the Soviet troops are now trying to delay the German advance by attacks on German infantry who are following the armoured advance guards in the Kiev area. —Reuter.

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U.S. BLACKLISTS 1,800 PERSONS AND FIRMS

The United States has blacklisted 1,800 persons and firms in Latin-America in an effort to bolster national defence and close export channels to Germany and Italy, says Reuter from Washington to-day.

FIVE NAZI FIGHTERS DOWNED

Five German fighter planes were destroyed yesterday — two during an offensive sweep over Northern France and three during patrols over the Channel.

This is according to an Air Ministry communique issued in London last night.

Two British fighters are missing, it was added.

Fighters of the R.A.F. were active over Northern France and the Channel during the day, the communique stated. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE HAVE TO RECORD THE DEATH ON ACTIVE SERVICE OF IAN SIM FORBES, THE SON OF MR. D. D. FORBES, HONG KONG MANAGER OF ANDERSEN, MEYER AND CO.

Ian was in the Royal Air Force, but no details of the circumstances of his death have been received, beyond the fact that he was killed in action on July 7.

He lived for some time in Hong Kong and was with Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews for about two years.

NEW G.O.C. HERE

Major-General C. M. Maltby, M.C., Hong Kong's newly-appointed General Officer Commanding, arrived this morning, to take over from Major-General A. E. Grasett.

DEATH

FORBES, Ian Sim, R.A.F., son of Mr. & Mrs. D. D. Forbes, killed on 7th July — by cable. (Tientsin and Shanghai papers please copy.)

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Japanese Brigade Transfer

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
The Chinese military spokesman in Chungking declared to-day that a brigade of Japanese troops has been transferred from Shanghai.

Meanwhile numerous railway cars are concentrated at Hsuehchowfu for the withdrawal of troops either to Tientsin, en route to Manchuria, or to Nanking, he added.

The spokesman said that, evidently, the Japanese are still undecided whether to move pending a decision on a definite State policy.—International News Service.

ICKES RETORTS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
IN HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, IN WHICH HE DEMANDED AN APOLOGY FROM SECRETARY OF INTERIOR HAROLD ICKES FOR HIS SPEECH ATTACKING HIM, MR. CHARLES LINDBERGH OFFERED SUGGESTIONS FOR A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF HIS ACTIVITIES.

Meanwhile Mr. Ickes replied by demanding that Lindbergh give back his German medal, and repeated the charge that Lindbergh is preaching "appeasement and disunity." — International News Service.

H.K. BOY ESCAPES THE HUNS

THE RECENT CABLE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT A HONG KONG BOY, ALBERT MOSS, SON OF MR. AND MRS. G. C. MOSS, HAD BEEN POSTED AS "MISSING" AFTER GOING TO GREECE WITH THE AUSTRALIANS, HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY THE HIGHLY GRATIFYING NEWS THAT HIS NAME HAS BEEN STRUCK OFF THE LIST OF "MISSING."

No details have been received, but it appears that Moss, who is the youngest son of the former Superintendent of the H.K. Fire Brigade, made his escape and has since rejoined his unit in Egypt.

Time Limit Given

General George Marshall, Chief of the U.S. Army General Staff, in the course of his testimony,

NAVAL PROBLEMS IN THE PACIFIC DISCUSSED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The conference called by President Roosevelt with his chief naval advisers in Washington last evening is stated to have centred on naval problems in the Pacific.

The conference followed a visit to the White House by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, who handed to the President a report from Mr. Joseph Grew, Ambassador in Tokyo. — International News Service.

KONOYE BELIEVED TO FAVOUR QUIET LIFE FOR PRESENT

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

SPECULATION IS running rife in Shanghai over the Japanese Cabinet resignations, though informed quarters predict there will be no immediate change in foreign policy.

Prince Konoye, the Premier, is expected to select "unknowns," which would permit the Government to coast for several months until the international situation is clarified.

Reports of imminent drives against Indo-China and Siberia continue but they overlook the logical possibility of a dummy Cabinet marking time until a favourable opportunity to jump off the fence.

In Washington, however, diplomatic officials are pessimistic over a possible

rapprochement with Japan, and believe the Army will lead the new Cabinet in Tokyo.

Competent Chinese circles in Chungking think that Prince Konoye's reappointment indicates Japan's policy of watchfulness is unchanged, and that Japan will neither immediately drive south nor launch a northward attack.

Watchful Waiting

The fact that Prince Konoye has again been asked by the Emperor to form a Cabinet reflects the Palace agreement with the Konoye policy of watchful waiting.

Chungking circles await the new Cabinet list before making further comments.—International News Service.

Nazis Only Press In North-West Sector Of Front

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

WHILE BOTH THE GERMAN AND RUSSIAN OFFICIAL HAND-OUTS CONTINUE UNCOMMUNICATIVE, IT IS REPORTED IN MOSCOW THAT HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES IN THE REGION OF PSKOV AND PORKHOV, ON THE NORTHERN SECTOR.

Russian quarters, however, add that there have been "no important developments" elsewhere on the long front, though an earlier Red Army communique admitted the Germans had approached Smolensk.

A German tank battalion retreating near Rogachev was surrounded and destroyed by Red Army units, it was declared in Moscow last night, while the Red Air Force is continuing its devastating raids, particularly on the Rumanian oil-fields.

Sulina, Tulcea, Saceea and Ploesti, the centres of the Rumanian oil industry, have all again been subjected to intense aerial bombardment. The Nazis, meanwhile, are making their usual grandiose claims, latest being the capture of Smolensk, Kishinev and Polotsk.

The Germans also claim that five Russian counter-attacks in the Kiev area have been repulsed.

All Precedent

According to Berlin circles (Continued on Page 16)

TOKYO'S NEXT FOREIGN MINISTER?

It is reliably reported in Tokyo to-day that Admiral Teijiro Toyoda, Commerce and Industry Minister in the former Konoye Cabinet, is likely to be appointed Foreign Minister in the new Government. — Reuter.

Admiral Toyoda is said to have pro-American leanings.

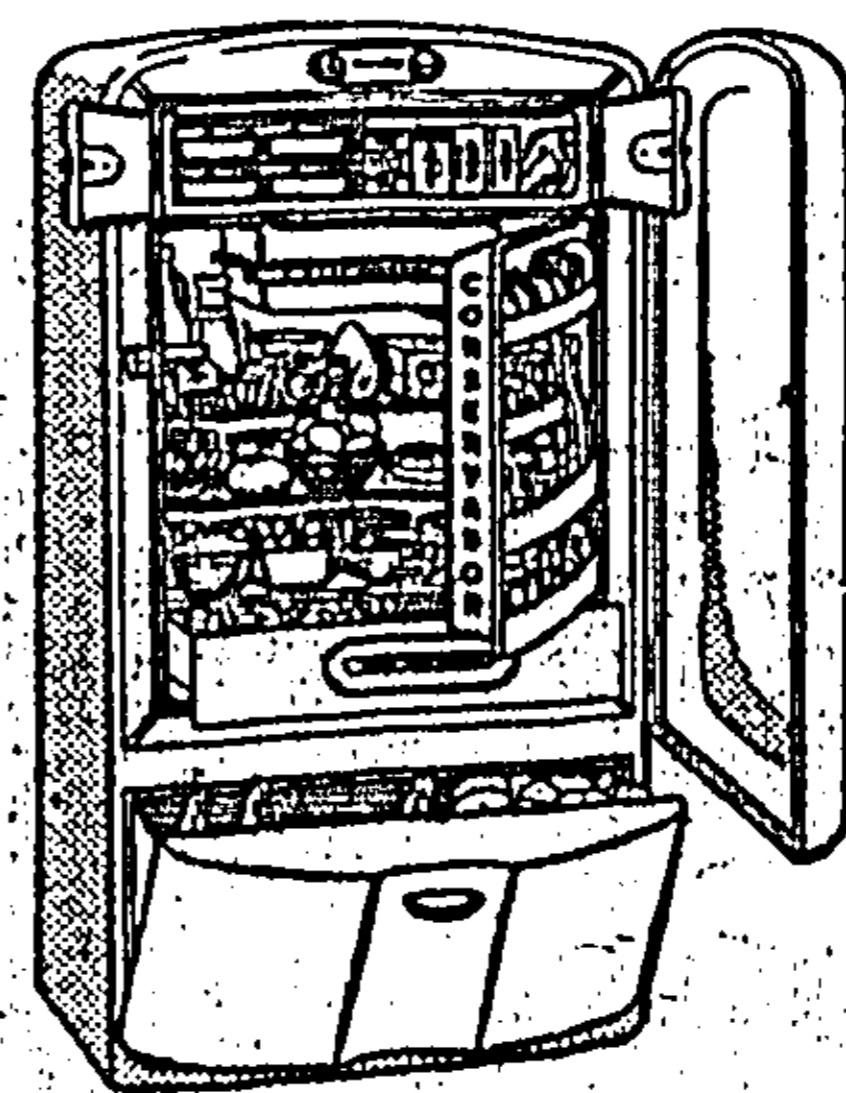
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Speculation Developing On Cabinet Changes

TOBRUK PATROL'S TEN-MILE SORTIE

Yesterday's G.H.Q. Middle East communique stated that on the night of Tuesday an Australian fighting patrol from Tobruk penetrated 16,000 yards into the enemy positions and successfully assaulted two strong points.

After inflicting upon the enemy casualties substantially greater than the strength of the patrol itself, the British troops withdrew.

In dash and determination this patrol has again surprised and out-manoeuvred the enemy which locally is in greatly superior numbers and is in well-entrenched positions.

The Tobruk garrison's offensive policy is being continued with some success, stated military circles in Cairo yesterday commenting on the latest sortie from the port.

The fact that the Australian patrol penetrated 16,000 yards into enemy territory, sustaining only the smallest casualties, indicated we held the initiative.

The defensive attitude of the Axis troops, who are mostly Italian around Tobruk, seems to be repeated on the Libyan frontier, where the enemy continues to dig in at Sollum, Capuzzo and Halfaya, showing there is no inclination to tilt against the British forces in this area. — Reuter.

GREAT INTEREST IS BEING SHOWN BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN THE FORTH-COMING DEBATE ON WAR PRODUCTION.

When the Prime Minister earlier this week promised a third day for this subject and said he proposed to open the discussion with replies to the criticisms made last week, it was evident he had reconsidered his earlier attitude.

This had caused the original discussion to last two days but with no War Cabinet Minister speaking in particular, and with the Chairman of the Production Executive, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, taking no part in the debate.

U.S. Urged To Go In

"Germany's defeat would be assured were the United States to throw its entire weight into the war to-day."

So declared Mr. William B. Ziff, publisher of the well-informed American magazines "Flying" and "Popular Aviation," in an interview in New York yesterday.

"With England serving as our base we would have the advantage of being only a few hundred miles from Germany, while Germany would be thousands of miles from us."

Mr. Ziff added, the United States was now in a "superb tactical position to pour in on Germany deadly destruction, crippling all her operations without fear of retaliation." — Reuter.

Mr. Churchill made known yesterday that the forthcoming discussion will be on the widest basis, including the Fighting Services departments, and the Ministry of Labour, towards whose manpower policy many criticisms have been directed.

AS THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ORDERED AN EXHAUSTIVE EXAMINATION OF ALL CRITICISMS, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE PROPHETS ARE ENGAGING IN THE PASTIME OF WEIGHING THE POSSIBILITIES OF POLITICAL CHANGES.

The Commons are hoping soon to take a short rest. Such a period is a favourite one for political overhauls.

Speculation Busy

Thus speculation is busy with the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Labour and some other departments in which changes have been considered possible for some time past.

There is at present no confirmation for various forecasts which are current.

THAT SOME CHANGES MAY BE MADE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS CANNOT BE EXCLUDED. THAT THEY WILL BE EXTENSIVE, IS UNLIKELY.

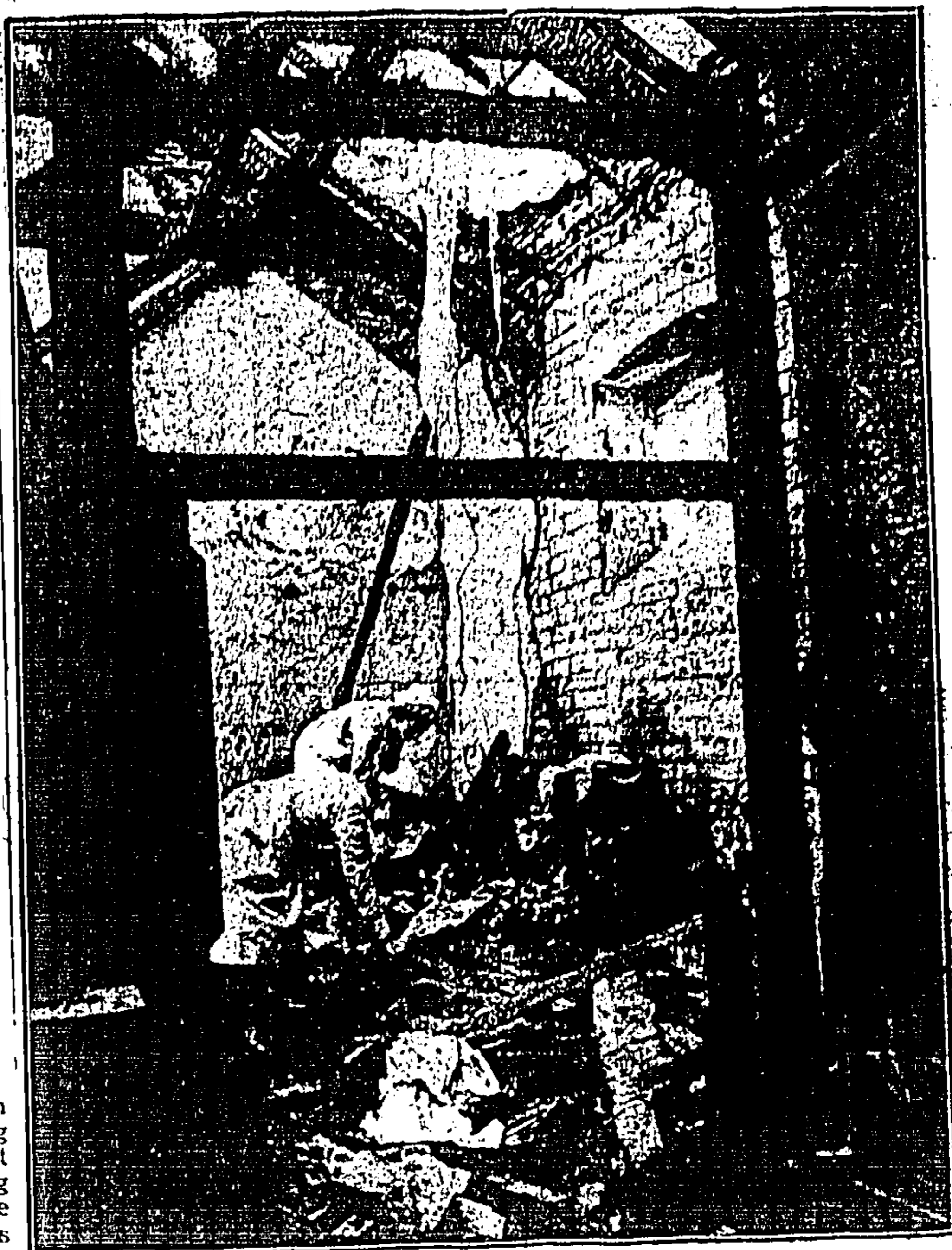
Although discretion in the matter rests entirely with the Premier, the Commons certainly would not tolerate anything which weakened or slowed up the nation's war effort.

Indeed, if there are changes, they will be directed towards the acceleration and co-ordinating of effort — a purpose which is being demanded in increasing degree by all parties in both Houses. — Reuter.

HUSBANDS' BROADCAST TO AUSTRALIA

In response to numerous requests, it has been decided to close the ballot in connection with the forthcoming broadcast to Australia a week before the actual date, that is, at noon on Thursday, July 24. This will enable those successful in the ballot who may wish to do so, to cable their wives and families in Australia to listen-in during the actual broadcast, which will take place, as previously arranged, at 9.15 p.m. on Thursday, July 31.

The names of the successful candidates will now be announced from Z.B.W. at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 24th, instead of at the same time on July 30, as previously arranged.



As announced recently, the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff has suffered from German air raiders. Picture shows nurses searching amid the debris in the wrecked dispensary.

GALLUP POLL ON ICELAND OCCUPATION

Over 60 per cent. of the populations of big United States cities and towns approve President Roosevelt's action in sending troops to Iceland, according to the latest Gallup Poll.

Twenty per cent. disapproved of the action and 19 per cent. were undecided. — Reuter.

NEW U.S. NAVAL BASES

Two full-fledged naval operations bases are soon to be commissioned, one at Argentia, Newfoundland, and the other at Trinidad, the U.S. Navy announced in Washington yesterday.

The bases will have maintenance and overhaul facilities for warships operating in the Atlantic. Previous Navy announcements indicated that the Newfoundland base consisted of merely a naval air station.

Navy sources yesterday said it will have a fleet anchorage and refuelling and limited overhaul facilities for battleships, aircraft-carriers, cruisers and other warships.

The Argentia base cost \$17,050,000 and the Trinidad base \$17,855,000, being two of the eight sites leased from Great Britain in exchange for destroyers. — Reuter.

LINDY DEMANDS APOLOGY

Mr. Charles A. Lindbergh has written to President Roosevelt demanding an apology from Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior, for "certain statements and implications" made by him in a recent speech.

Mr. Ickes, in a Bastille Day speech, stated: "Study of Hitler's methods of internal disorganization and demoralisation help one to understand Lindbergh and make one realise what a menace he and those like him are to the United States."

Mr. Ickes also described Lindbergh as "a knight of the German eagle" and said Lindbergh's "passionate words are to encourage Hitler and to break down the will of his fellow citizens to resist Hitler and Nazism."

Lindbergh, however, denies the suggestion he has connections with any foreign government, saying he received the German decoration while serving in the American Embassy. — Reuter.

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KONOYE FORMING CABINET

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Armed Forces Show Readiness To Cooperate

PRINCE KONOYE, THE OUTGOING PREMIER, WHO HAS ACCEPTED THE IMPERIAL COMMAND TO ORGANISE A NEW CABINET, HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A PLEDGE OF COOPERATION FROM THE WAR AND NAVY MINISTERS.

Senior statesmen met in Tokyo yesterday afternoon to choose a candidate for the Premiership, and Marquis Koichi Kido, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, went to the Imperial Palace to report their decision to the Emperor, who with the Empress, had only returned from his country villa 25 minutes earlier.

A little later Prince Konoye arrived at the Palace, whence he later went to see Baron Hiranuma, outgoing Minister of Home Affairs and former Premier, with whom he conferred for an hour.

Prince Konoye at 10 o'clock last night met the War Minister, Lt-Gen. Tojo, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Oikawa. The conference is understood to have resulted in a complete agreement of views.

Another conference was called later when Mr. Kenji Tomita, the Cabinet's chief secretary, was present.

Prince Konoye was previously visited by Mr. Yoshio Saito, Foreign Ministry adviser.

IT IS EXPECTED PRINCE KONOYE WILL RESUME THE FORMATION OF THE NEW CABINET TO-DAY.

Unofficially it is predicted he will finish during the day and the installation ceremonies will follow at the Imperial Palace this evening.

After Prince Konoye's departure, Baron Hiranuma conferred with Kozo Ota, member of the House of Peers and chief secretary to the former Minister of Communications, and conversed for 30 minutes before returning to Baron Hiranuma.

Army And Navy

Meanwhile high officials of the War and Navy Ministries held separate conferences—talks reliably indicating that the armed forces are ready to cooperate with Prince Konoye's efforts to form a new Cabinet.

Financial circles generally interpret Prince Konoye's acceptance as indication that no immediate changes are pending regarding domestic and international policies.

Financial and industrial leaders urge that this third Konoye Cabinet should immediately undertake—

Firstly, to increase the production of war industries by stricter State control of the coal, oil and chemical industries,

Secondly, enforcement of a new programme of fiscal and monetary management,

Thirdly, stricter control of food to protect the nation's standard of living.

Cautious Calm

The resignation of the old Cabinet was received by the Tokyo Stock Exchange with cautious calm though shipping shares turned weak.

The "Japan Times and Advertiser" editorially declared: "Out of the change in administrative machinery will we feel confident, emerge a Cabinet inheriting the character and force of the one which Prince Konoye and his eminent chief colleagues built up. Some new faces will be seen and new talent added, yet the policy of a strongly united State

committed to a high condition of defence and political continuity assuredly will remain.

"The work already done is a promise of greater things in the future."

"AT THIS MOMENT OF CHANGE THERE IS STILL A LIVELIER TRUST THAT THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT WILL MEASURE UP TO PAST PERFORMANCES AS WELL AS RISE TO NEW HEIGHTS."—REUTER.

AMERICA'S BLACK LIST

A WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT REGARDING THE BLACKLISTING OF LATIN-AMERICAN FIRMS AND PERSONS, BEGINS: "AS A FURTHER STEP, IN VIEW OF THE UNLIMITED NATIONAL EMERGENCY, IT IS PROCLAIMED BY THE PRESIDENT THAT HE TO-DAY HAS ISSUED A PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING THE PROMULGATION OF A LIST OF CERTAIN BLOCKED NATIONALS."

The list consists of certain persons deemed to be acting to the benefit of Germany and Italy, or nationals of those countries, and persons to whom the export directly or indirectly of various articles or materials is considered detrimental to the interest of national defence.

The list was prepared by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Treasury, the Attorney-General, the Secretary of Commerce, the Administrator of Export Control and the Co-ordinator of commercial and cultural relations between the American Republics. The list is a result of long and intensive investigations by the interested Government agencies. It will be subject to periodic additions or deletions. — Reuter.

V FOR VICTORY SLOGAN

The King and Queen yesterday saw how British workers are adopting the "V for victory" slogan when they visited two factories which are working for the Ministry of Aircraft Production and the Ministry of Supply. At these factories their Majesties saw the letter "V" chalked on machines of all kinds which are turning out armaments. — British Wireless.

SPITFIRE GETS TWO MAYBE 3

How a British fighter pilot destroyed two out of four aircraft is told by the Air Ministry news service.

The Spitfire pilot tackled four ME109's over the English Channel yesterday afternoon, destroyed two of them and sent a third spinning towards the sea from 12,000 feet.

This pilot said afterwards that not one of the three Germans he fired at returned a single shot.

"I was flying at 20,000 feet and surprised the four ME's at 17,000 feet.

"I got into the best position to fire at one of them and my first burst went straight into the cockpit. The aircraft caught fire and went down.

"In less than ten seconds I was firing at the second and he just blew up.

"The other Huns then made for home but I caught one up and attacked him from the side.

"My bullets went into his tank and blew the back of the cockpit to pieces. He went straight down, and streaming glycol and lumps of wreckage blew off him." — British Wireless.

DIVERTING FACTORIES TO WAR WORK

FURTHER DETAILS OF RESULTS OF THE CONCENTRATION ON NON-ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES WERE MADE KNOWN YESTERDAY.

Most rapid progress made is in the carpet industry, in which the lack of raw material has made it probable that as many as 10,000 workers will be released for direct war work and more than half the firms making carpets closed.

In the pottery industry there has been great success in carrying out the scheme and it is expected some 4,000 workers will be released. This industry is, however, performing useful "war work" as many undertakings make fine China which has a ready market in America.

Largest individual number of workers released for more vital work come from spinning and weaving. Here some 50,000 out of a total of 250,000 operatives will be released, and a great deal of factory space made available for war industry. — British Wireless.

KONOYE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Prince Konoye's success in forming a third Cabinet is reported to be very promising.

The War Minister, Lt-Gen. Tojo, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Oikawa, are reported to be remaining in the Government. — Reuter.

ITALIANS HOLD UP TRAIN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY DECIDED TO HOLD THE TRAIN CARRYING THE OUSTED AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS AT SAN REMO UNTIL THE AXIS DIPLOMATS EXPELLED FROM AMERICA DISEMBARK AT LISBON.

The step was taken at the request of the Nazis, it is stated, owing to the fact that the "West Point," in which the Axis diplomats are travelling, sailed 24 hours late from New York. — International News Service.

FATAL ACCIDENT

Private Leonard Roberts, Middlesex Regiment, driving an army truck, No. 4189, along Tai-po Road near Nam Chan Street, at 8.25 p.m. yesterday, knocked down a Chinese woman, aged 48. The woman was taken to hospital, but died before admission.

In Nathan Road, yesterday, an elderly Chinese Wong Fui-ling, had his spectacles snatched by Mok Yin, 30, who was, however, arrested by a passerby, and sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

SAIGON DENIES DEMANDS

The French Military, naval and civil authorities in Saigon deny all knowledge of any impending arrangement allowing Japan the use of naval and air bases in southern Indo-China, as suggested in foreign press comment, which is characterised as tendentious.

The possibility of such an accord in the immediate future appears precluded by the absence of the Governor-General and the majority of his staff, who are on a short trip of inspection in northern Cochin-China and Cambodia, and by the departure of General Sumita, head of the Japanese mission, by plane for Tokyo.

The Governor-General confirmed this week to responsible quarters that Indo-China had not received any demands whatever from the Japanese regarding the use of facilities outside Tonkin.

The fall of the Konoye Cabinet has aroused lively speculation in Saigon. Generally it is thought this Government represented the ultimate in military rule, and the possibility of a resurgence of the business interests is not impossible, although the reasons for the fall and the nature of the new Government are "anybody's guess." — Reuter.

MAISKY APPLAUDED

THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, M. IVAN MAISKY, WAS SURROUNDED AND CHERISHED BY A LARGE CROWD WHEN HE LEFT A ROYAL ALBERT HALL CONCERT IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

The orchestra played music by leading Russian composers, and during the interval Sir Henry Wood, who conducted the first part of the concert, chatted with M. Maisky in his box. — Reuter.

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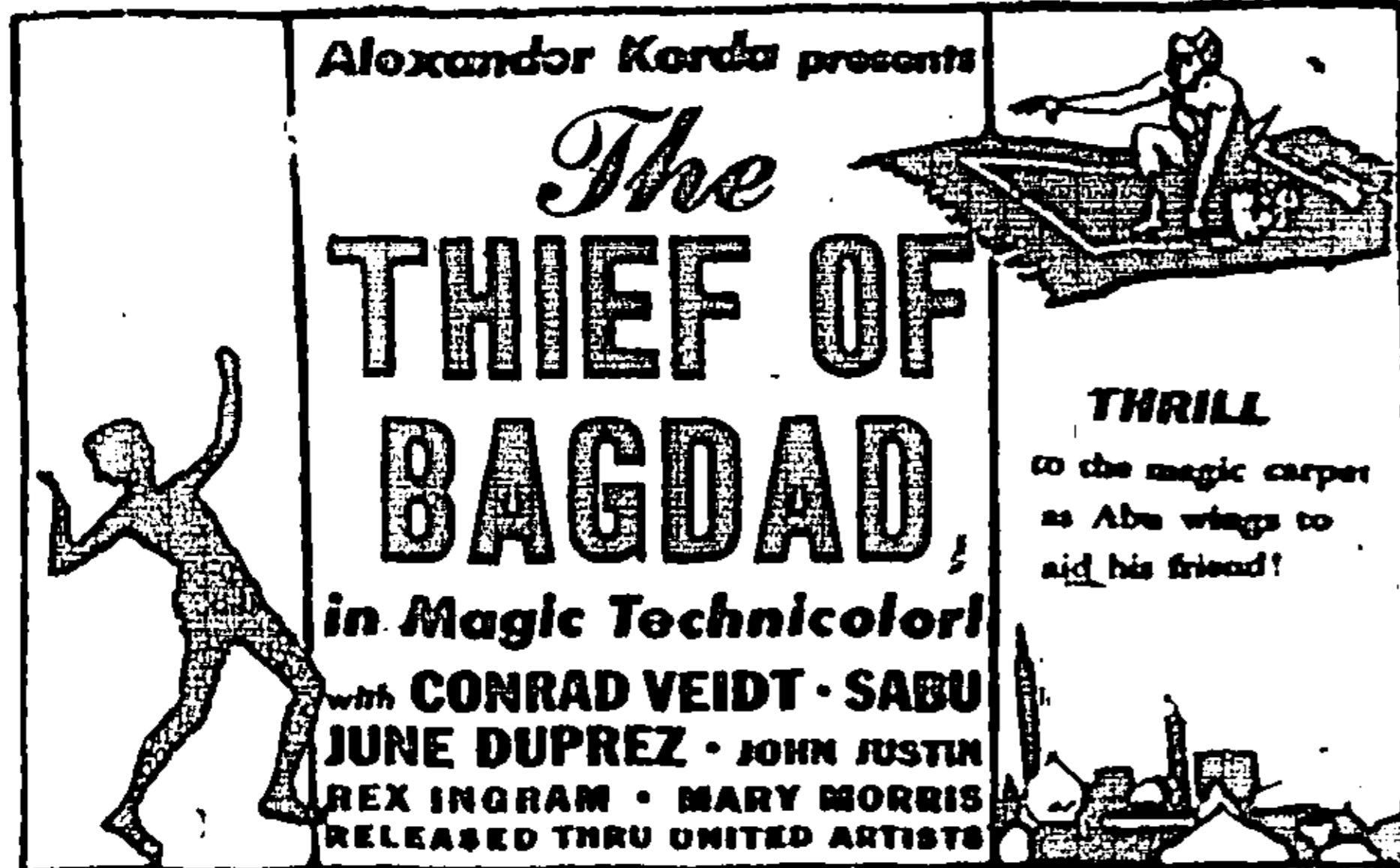
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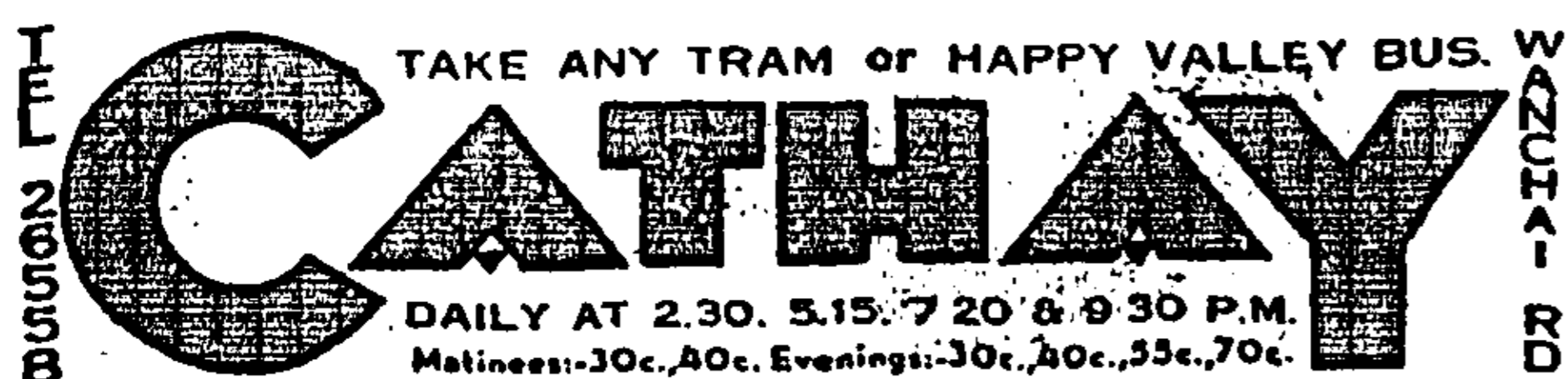
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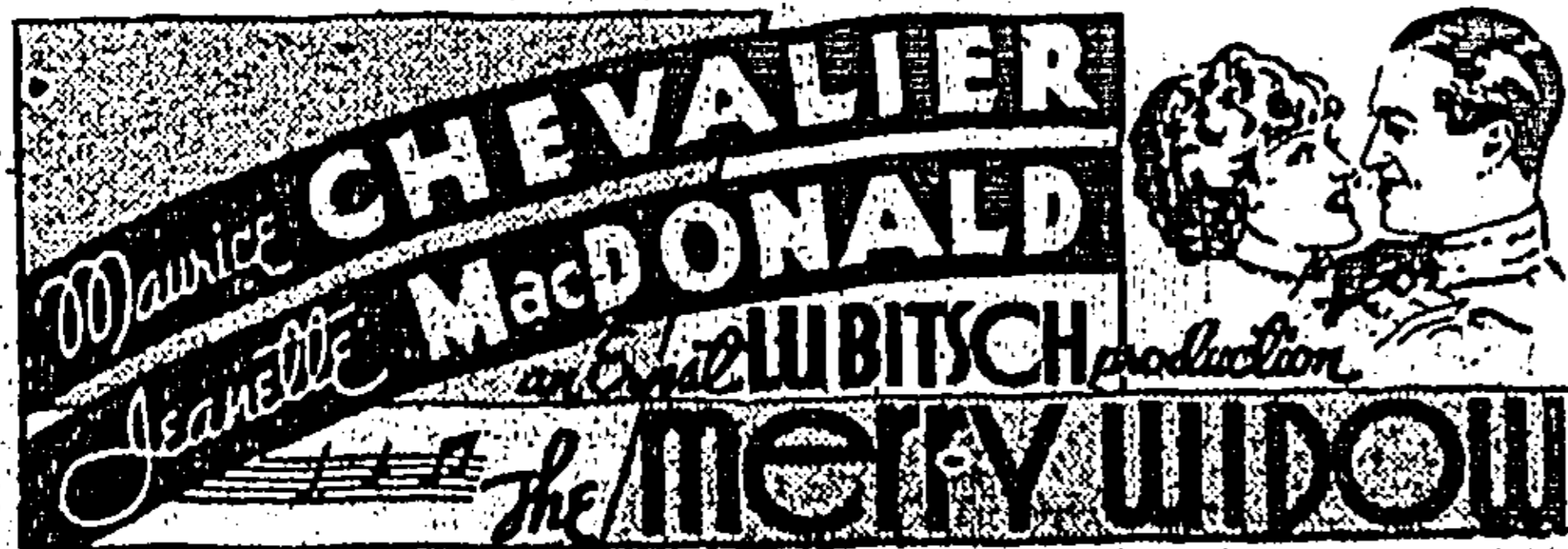
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GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN SYRIA: FACTS COMING TO LIGHT

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the
Imperial Troops in Syria)

HERR GROBA, German Minister in Bag-
dad, returned to Syria after the Iraq rebel-
lion with two sacks of gold. When he reach-
ed a hotel in north Syria, the manager, porter
and another man were needed to carry one
sack to the bedroom.

This is but one of the amazing stories
told me by a British resident of Beirut who
has just finished five weeks' internment.

He also said the Germans even promised to
bring aviation fuel to Syria by submarine. This
was discovered when a telephone call from a pro-
minent Vichy official to Renoir, principal German
delegate in Aleppo, was overheard.

When the British entered Syria,
Renoir telephoned daily to a
leading member of the High
Commissioner's office, requesting
the latest news from the front.

Finally he came to Beirut
with a "petit personnel" to
make direct contact with Gen-
eral Dentz, and, after hearing
the latest reports, fled from the
country.

Blitzkrieg Scheme

There is no shadow of doubt
Germany had planned a blitz-
krieg on Syria in detail, aiming
at the complete occupation of
Syria and Lebanon. I learn from
Britons in Beirut, and the Brit-
ish action was not only timely
but desperately necessary.

I also learn that even after
the British penetration of Syria
and the end of the Iraq rebel-
lion, the Germans were still
pouring material into Syrian
aerodromes, copying the Bul-
garian infiltration.

At Aleppo aerodrome at least
60 officials were buying material
such as lorries, cars, radios and
furniture for officers' quarters.

Additional quarters had even
been reserved in the town for
extra staff.

Sudden Departure

Reason for the sudden depart-
ure of the Luftwaffe was given
by a remark by Colonel von
Manntouff on the aerodrome at
Aleppo while bidding farewell to
the Vichy staff.

He said: "We are going because
we don't want to give credence
to reports of a German occupa-
tion of Syria."

The German and Italian
Legations both left the coun-
try. I learn they are now
living in ancient Antioch, in
Turkey.

It is reported they are in a
state of perplexity, not knowing
what to do next. — Reuter.

CANADIANS AT TANK FACTORY

THE FIRST UNIT OF CANA-
DIAN SOLDIERS WHO HAVE
BEEN SENT TO BRITAIN TO
FORM SPECIAL TANK CREWS
VISITED A FACTORY WHERE
SOME OF THE LATEST TANKS
ARE BEING MADE.

After seeing over the factory
message from Lord Beaverbrook
was read to them.

It said: "Some of you will see
to-day the resolution and energy
which is being developed in
the production of tanks. It is
our purpose all through industries
to secure by every device and
every ingenuity the greatest pos-
sible output from the factories
of Britain so that those who fol-
low you across the ocean may
be equipped for battle with the
finest tanks in the world. Those
who plan and those who toll have
a proud duty to serve you and
your comrades. It is a duty which
we shall discharge faithfully and
with all sense of urgency." — Brit-
ish Wireless.

Taking Over In Syria

In Syria, said yester-
day's Cairo communique,
under the terms of the
Convention the Allies
have now occupied select-
ive strategic points in
central and south-east
Syria.

The British and Indian troops,
whose rapid advance from Iraq
and Palestine was arrested only
when negotiations for the cessa-
tion of hostilities were initiated,
are now in progress of occupying
further positions in the northern
area.

The occupation of Beirut has
been completed and a cordial
reception accorded to the Allies
and particularly to the Australian
forces who have been in the
forefront of the advance in the
coastal sector. — Reuter.

BRITISH RESIDENTS RELEASED

Released British residents who
were interned by the Vichy Gov-
ernment when the Allies entered
Syria, returned to Damascus yes-
terday morning in a transport
convoy.

A number of persons detained
on suspicion of doing intelligence
work for the Allies have also been
released. — Reuter.

CHANGES IN AMERICAN COMMANDS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The War Depart-
ment in Washington
announces, without
explanation, seven-
teen important
changes in command.
It is believed that the
new assignments have
been made on the
basis of officers' work
during recent
manoeuvres. — Inter-
national News Service.

Middle East Air War

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

IT IS ANNOUNCED IN
CAIRO THAT ITALIAN AND
GERMAN WARPLANES BOMB-
ED BRITISH SHIPPING OFF
THE LIBYAN COAST AND
"FLEW OVER THE SUEZ
CANAL AREA."

British bombers attacked
Crete, bombing Candia airport,
while other squadrons attacked
Messina (Sicily) and Eleusis
(Greece).

An 8,000-ton enemy vessel
was sunk and another ship dam-
aged off the Tripoli coast. — Inter-
national News Service.

GANG WAR RESUMED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

THE NANKING-CHUNGKING
GANG WAR IN SHANGHAI
WAS RESUMED WHEN ZING
JIH, BELIEVED TO BE AN EM-
PLOYEE OF WANG CHING-
WEI'S POLITICAL HEADQUAR-
TERS AT 76, JESSFIELD ROAD,
WAS WOUNDED BY GUNMEN
IN THE NOTORIOUS "BAD-
LANDS."

The assailants fired a fusillade
of shots, two bullets striking the
victim's head and body.

Motive is not yet known but is
believed to be political. — Inter-
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BRIG IN DOCK

It is believed that the hull has been damaged. A general overhaul is to be carried out before the voyage to Manila is resumed. —Our Own Correspondent.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN PACT'S INFLUENCE ON FAR EAST

It singles out Hitlerite Germany as the enemy in contrast to the more elastic phraseology of the pre-war pacts with France, Poland and other powers, which referred in general terms to "the aggressor."

"The Scotsman" continues that this, however, is not to say that if Japan, contrary to

all evidence now available, did attack Russia at a later date, the British would not give Russia every practical assistance. But it does mean that both London and Moscow have no desire to take steps calculated to antagonise Japan—for the benefit of the Germans—unless Japan's own attitude compels them to do so.

Important Point

In other words, Britain fully recognises the binding force of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact as long as it is faithfully carried out by Japan.

The point is important when Nazi propaganda, by the circulation of false rumours, is striving hard to provoke a breach between Japan and the new Russo-British Alliance.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT

Australia's great and growing contribution to Imperial air strength is underlined by the opening this month of four new schools for the training of air crews in Australia, announced by Mr. McEwen, Australian Air Minister.

The latest site selected is for a bombing and gunnery school in Victoria at a cost of £300,000.

A school for the training of pilots, observers, wireless personnel and gunners under the Empire air training scheme, is to be established in Gippsland, Victoria, at a cost of over £250,000.

Expenditure on the R.A.A.F. during the present financial year, states the Dominions Office, will exceed £1,000,000 weekly. Over 191,760 applications for enlistment have been received. — British Wireless.

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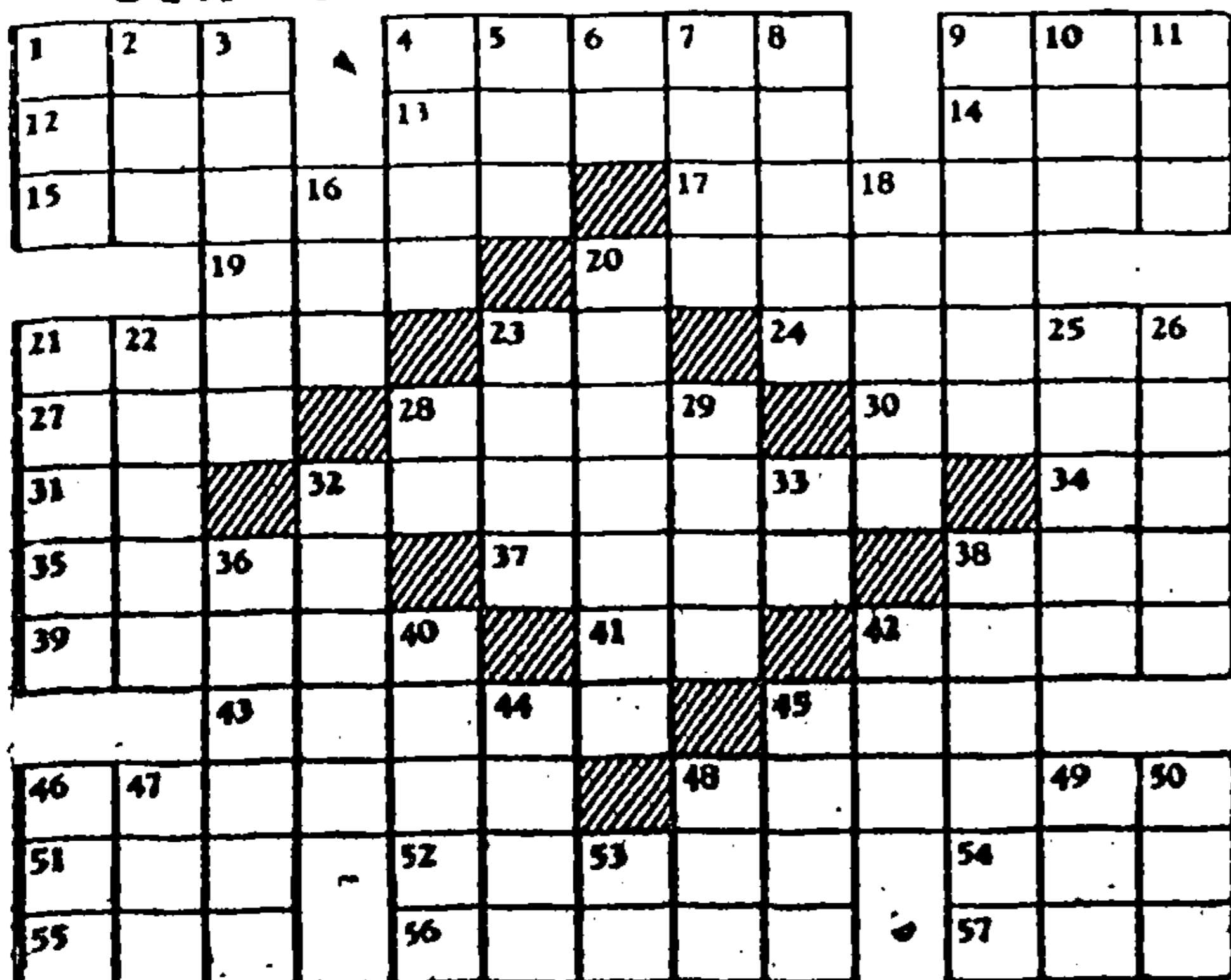
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- 21 Pitcher
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- 28 Sixty against
- 30 Art
- 31 Egyptian natural body
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- 34 Note of scorn
- 35 Westerman goddess
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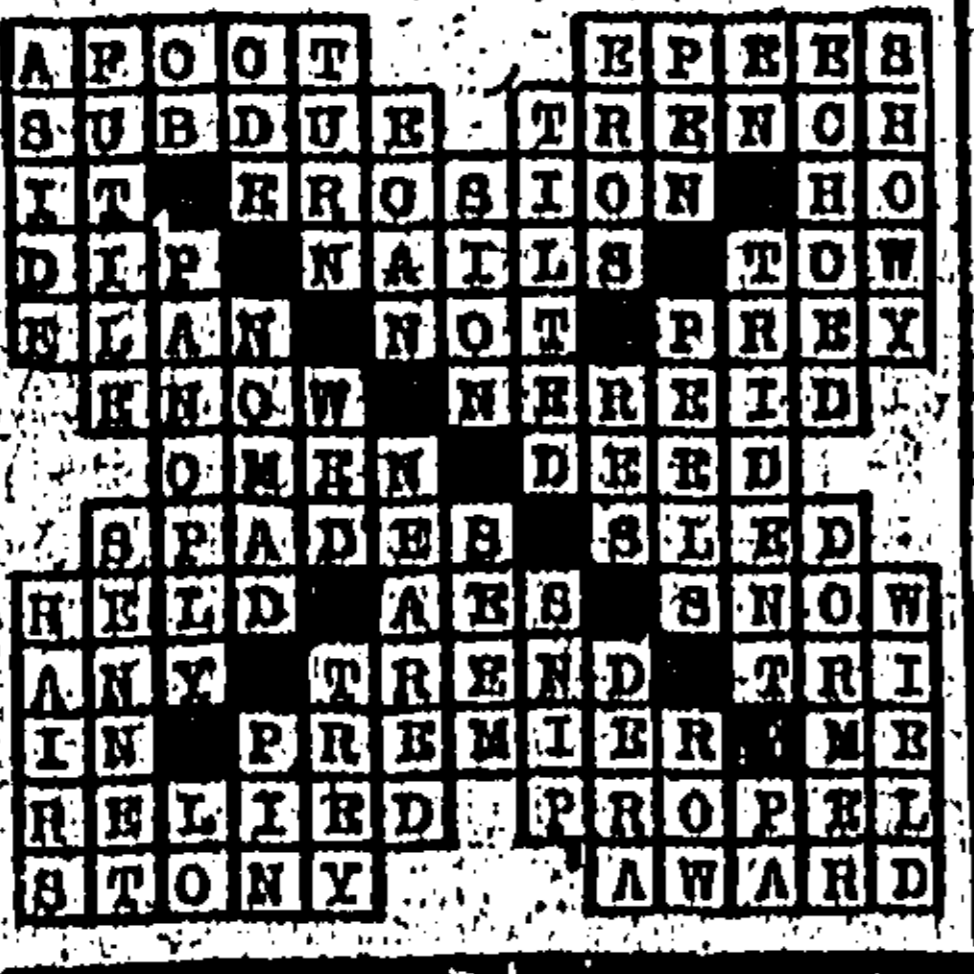
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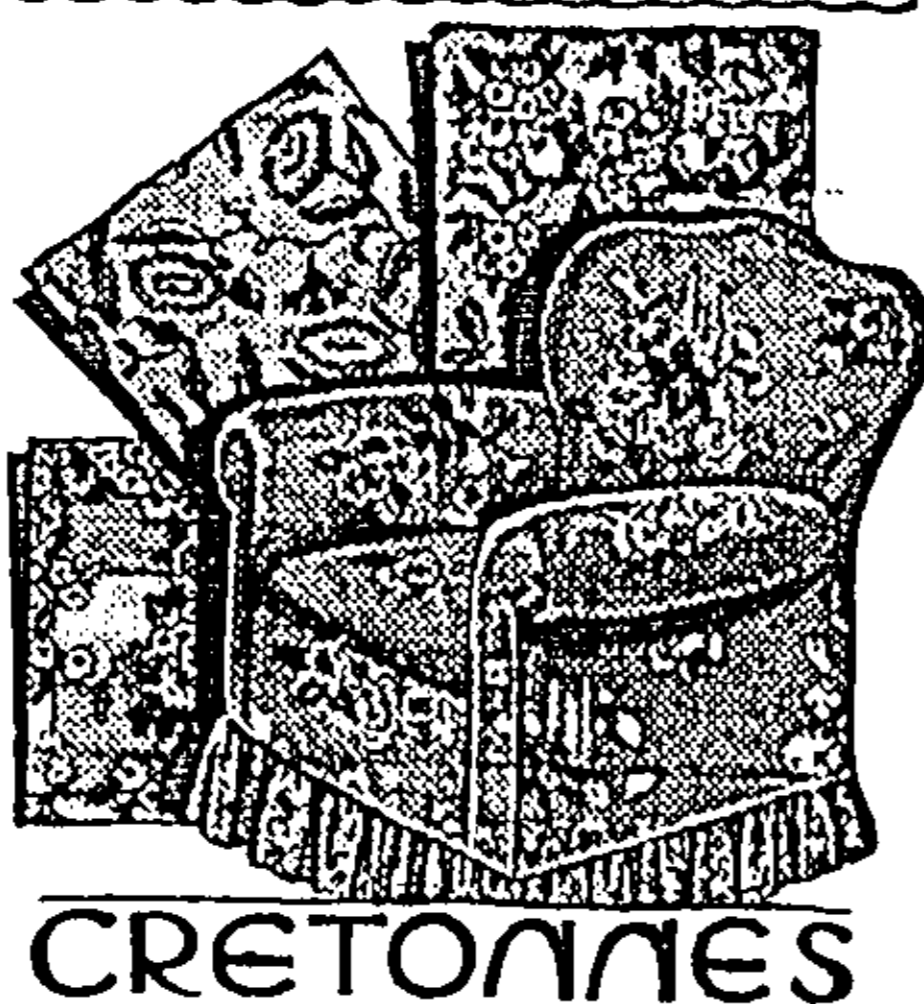
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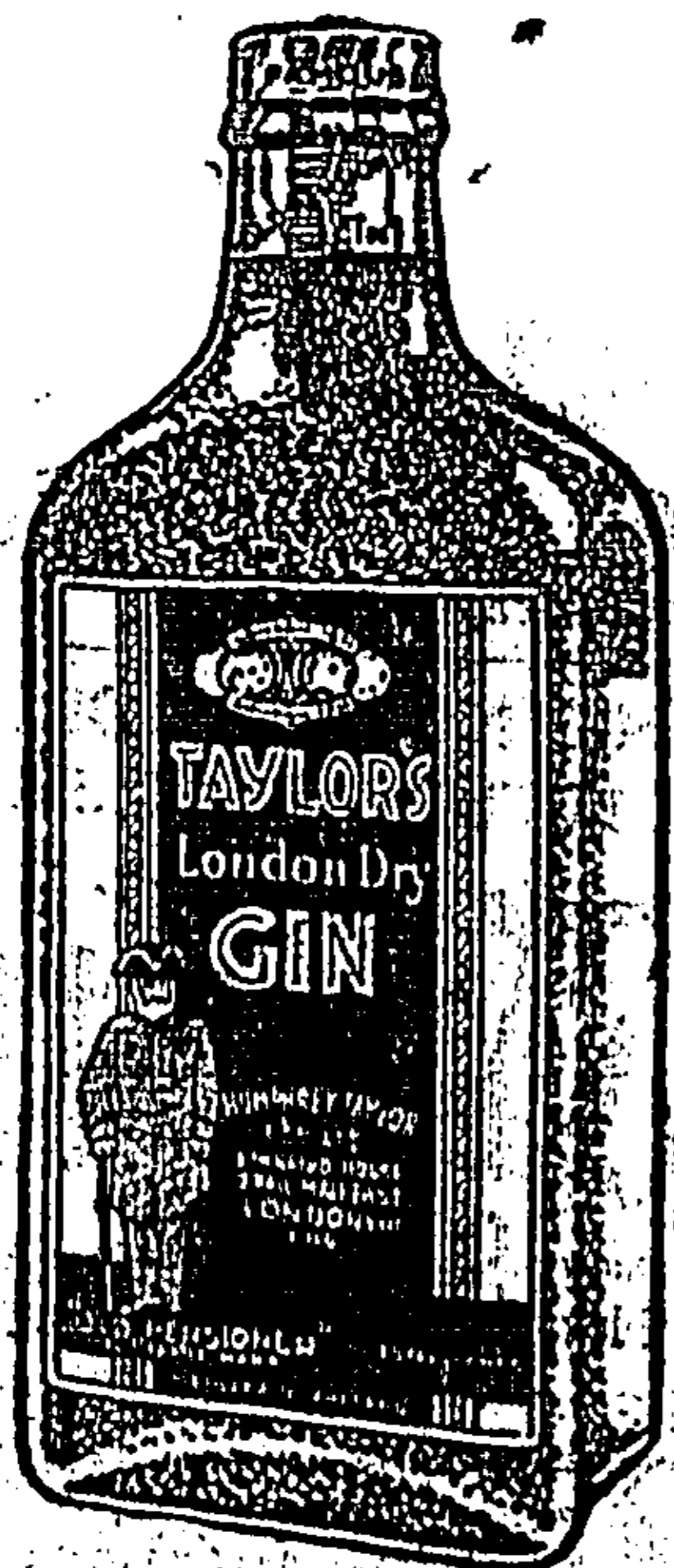
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German Progress Being Slowed Down Appreciably

IT IS NOW REGARDED IN MOSCOW AS ABSOLUTELY INEVITABLE THAT THE NAZIS WILL BE DEFEATED ULTIMATELY, NO MATTER WHAT SETBACKS THE SOVIETS RECEIVE IN THE MEANTIME.

This confidence, which is even greater than a week ago, has arisen from the slowness of the German advance and the reassuring effect of the Anglo-Russian Alliance.

It is reflected in Moscow's mood and in the tone of Soviet propaganda.

Everyday life appears more normal than a week ago, theatres and cinemas are crowded while in the famous riverside Park of Culture and Rest, merry-go-rounds, restaurants and fine theatrical exhibitions are in great demand these warm clear evenings.

At the front no spectacular results have been achieved by the Nazis following the announcement of the second great offensive which began five days ago in the Pskov, Vitebsk, and Novograd-Volynsk sectors, in spite of very heavy fighting with considerable losses on each side.

The Nazi advance columns have succeeded in penetrating so far as the neighbourhood of Smolensk, also east of Pskov, although according to reports yesterday morning, both these towns are still in Soviet hands.

Soviet Equipment

The slow German advance is held by competent observers to bear out Soviet claims to have adequate equipment.

The fact remains the Nazis have failed in the last 14 days to make any spectacular progress.

Soviet fighter planes are highly praised by experts who say many of these are better than the Messerschmitts—Russian dive-bombers are also THE GERMANS HAVE NOWHERE MANAGED TO SECURE A LASTING AIR SUPERIORITY, WHILE FREQUENTLY THE SOVIETS EXERCISE LOCAL SUPERIORITY.

Mixed Assortment

The miscellaneousness of the Luftwaffe, comprising Italian, Czech and Polish planes, suggests that the more standardised units of the Luftwaffe are still on the Western Front, and this assortment of planes is a sign of the German weakness in air strength.

It seems both sides are busy bombing each other's communications and transports.—Reuter.

DE VALERA RE-STATES POLICY

Mr. Eamonn de Valera, the Eire Premier, replying to a debate on external affairs in the Dail last night, said:

"If anybody attacks us then every one of us can die if necessary fighting for what we are certain is a just cause, and I say that, no matter from which side we are attacked."

"THAT IS THE POSITION WE ARE TAKING UP AND IT IS NOT A COWARDLY POSITION."

"If we are attacked at all we will be attacked by one of the big nations of the world."

"We have to face and we are prepared to face it. We are determined to live our own life."—Reuter.

MUTE ACCUSED

A 25-year-old mute, Ma Kwok, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose. Defendant was remanded until tomorrow.

TEACHING BELGIANS ENGLISH

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND THE BELGIAN MINISTER OF LABOUR, M. SPAAK, VISITED A TRAINING CENTRE WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR TRAINING NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BELGIANS.

Some of these men speak only French while others speak only Flemish and to meet this difficulty training has been organised in two groups according to the languages spoken. Interpreter instructors have been provided by the Belgian Government to assist the English instructors.

The men are being trained on work which will assist in war production and after training will be sent to factories.

Appreciation was expressed of the very fine spirit of the men and the importance of the contribution that they and many thousands of other Belgians are making towards winning the war.—British Wireless.

THOUSANDTH HUDSON BOMBER OFF TO BRITAIN

THE THOUSANDTH Hudson bomber for Britain took off for England from Los Angeles yesterday to the cheers of 30,000 aircraft workers and in the presence of Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, and Lady Halifax.

Jimmy Mattern, famous United States airman, was at the controls, and in wishing it God-speed, Lady Halifax expressed Britain's appreciation of the efforts of U.S. aircraft workers.

She added: "Now your labour takes wing, Go, Jimmy, Mattern, and God bless you."

Mattern twice circled the factory field before flying eastwards.

Meanwhile, encouraging news regarding the numbers of American bombers arriving in Britain, was given in official circles in London last night.

DAILY TWIN-ENGINE LOCKHEED HUDSONS, FOUR-ENGINE'D CONSOLIDATED LIBERATORS AND FLYING FORTRESSES AND CATALINA FLYINGBOATS ARE FLOWN ACROSS THE ATLANTIC AND NOT ONE HAS BEEN LOST.

Facilities for receiving them have been expanded, so that Britain is now in a position to meet the spurt in American production.

No Time Wasted

Arrangements have been completed for sending back by air as many as possible of the pilots and crews who are ferrying bombers to Britain.

No time is wasted in getting the men back to their bases on the other side of the Atlantic, and so ensuring that no bombers ready for delivery are held up for lack of pilots and crews.—Reuter.

Dillon Revolts In Dail

In the Dail last evening, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Dillon, said he believed the policy of neutrality was the policy of the majority of the Eire people and of the Government.

Yet he believed it was not the correct course of conduct for Eire.

PARLIAMENT SHOULD ASCERTAIN PRECISELY WHAT COOPERATION GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES MIGHT REQUIRE TO ENSURE SUCCESS AGAINST THE NAZI ATTEMPT AT WORLD CONQUEST AND AS EXPLICITLY AS POSSIBLE AFFORD TO THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN COOPERATION TO THE UTMOST OF THEIR RESOURCES, INCLUDING OF COURSE THE SENDING OF IRISH TROOPS ABROAD.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Cosgrave, said he had no information regarding the statement which Mr. Dillon had considered it advisable to make. The wisdom of making such a statement had not impressed him.—Reuter.

PLANNING FOR THE BLITZED

MEASURES ENSURING THE ORDERLY PLANNING OF AREAS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE REDEVELOPED AFTER THE WAR, WERE MENTIONED IN THE LORDS YESTERDAY WHEN LORD REITH SPOKE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. JUSTICE UTHWAT WHICH IS ADVISING THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND BUILDINGS ON RECONSTRUCTION OF AREAS DAMAGED IN AIR RAIDS.

Lord Reith said Government had accepted the suggestion that such areas be defined as soon as possible and a planning authority, with adequate powers to control redevelopments would be set up. Power would be given to acquire land and the basis of compensation would be as the value as at March 31, 1939.

A Council of Ministers is to be set up to superintend and co-ordinate the work of forward planning.—British Wireless.

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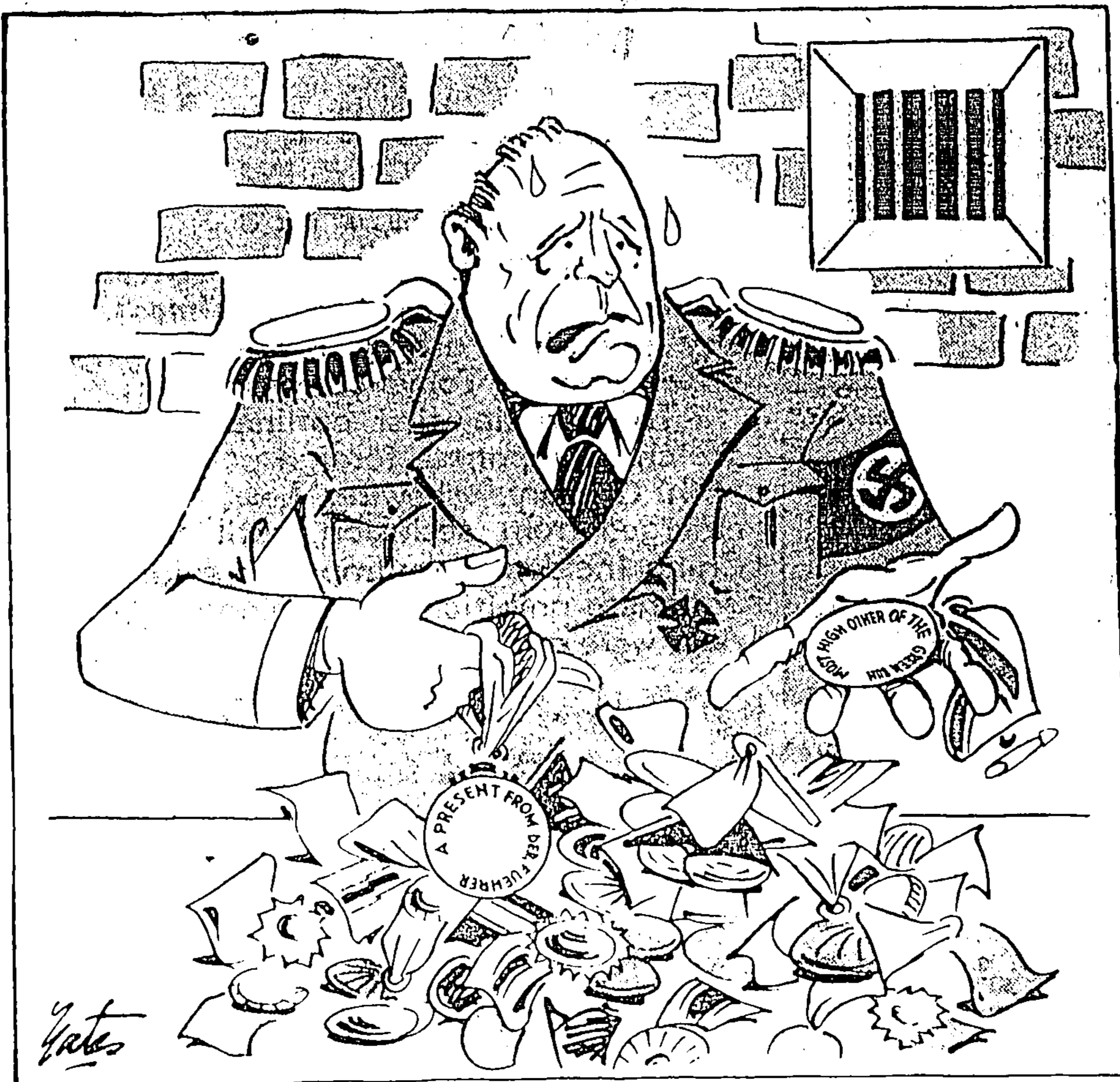
June was a quiet month in England. During the whole of what is usually England's best month, a month of clear days and short nights, the alarm siren was sounded in London only seven times. There were no air raids at all. Tired Londoners slept in their beds. In the long twilights they walked in the Green Park and rowed in the Serpentine as if life were normal again. For a few weeks the nightmare lifted and they had the first calm interval since the aerial war began last September to count the scars on the ravaged face of the intrepid Old Lady on the Thames.

The Germans had their worst month, pounded night after night and latterly by day by the growing forces of the R.A.F., but London enjoyed a complete respite and the rest of England suffered only sporadic raids, of constantly diminishing intensity. Over the whole country, the toll of casualties dropped from 5,300 killed in May to no more than 399 killed in June.

This relief was somewhat puzzling until the attack on Russia started.

The Germans have never engaged in two major engagements at the same time. The slowing-down of the bombing of Britain began during the Balkan campaign and gave rise to the suspicion that the Luftwaffe is not big enough for a grand-scale offensive on two fronts. This suspicion is confirmed by the near paralysis of the Nazi air arms in the West while the bombers and Stukas are attempting to blast a way for the German advance in the East.

It looks very much as if Hitler does not bomb England and Russia simultaneously because he cannot. If he could dispose of those thousands and thousands of planes he has conjured up to impress the world with a picture of illimitable air reserves, his logical strategy would be to use them without limit before British and American production reaches the peak. The truth must be that he has not the forces for this double drive. London's quiet June which has persisted into the first fortnight of July despite the thousands of tons of bombs dropped on the Rhineland, Bremen and Hanover, is not accident or reprieve; rather it marks



NOT WHAT HE ORDERED.

From Madrid To Vichy

This is the sixth of a series of articles by the distinguished French dramatist, Henry Bernstein, edited by the Vichy government.

After Munich, September, 1938, what we have called Petainism slept again. France was aroused from her apathy, and there was a surge of self-respect and national interest which extended even to those who felt convinced that it was impossible to go to war at the time because of the disorganisation of the French Army, the weakness of French and English aviation and English indifference to the fate of Czechoslovakia.

Industrialists and others who, up to that time, had been strongly opposed to war moved suddenly into the camp of resistance. Daladier, who had accepted Munich as a necessity, became head of the party of resistance to Germany. In the face of this abrupt shift on the part of the people Laval dropped discreetly into the background, and Marshal Petain once more adopted a sphinx-like attitude.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies violent demands were made for the return of Tunisia, Corsica and, eventually, of Nice to Italy. French response to these demands had been indignant protests and mockery, and in January Daladier started on a speaking tour of our North African empire, where he was received, particularly in Tunisia, with great enthusiasm.

Daladier's trip and his success proved extremely annoying to the Petain-Laval clan. "It would be a crime," the marshal declared, "to antagonise Italy."

One is at a loss to know why France should have trembled at this time before Italy. If there was not a pro-French majority in Italy, there was an immense anti-German majority, which included the King, the Pope, many politicians and almost all the people. Had France, when war broke out, placed Italy in a position of having to choose between Germany and France, Mussolini would hardly have dared uphold the Axis. And if he had, events since then have indicated clearly that an Italian campaign would

the limits of Nazi air power—and the measure of British and American opportunity.

have been nothing more than a military march which would have brought our troops to Rome, and perhaps to the Brenner Pass.

In April, 1939, Marshal Petain was appointed French Ambassador to Madrid, where, after a rather awkward beginning, he was treated with the greatest respect by General Franco and his brother-in-law, General Serrano Suñer, who gave lavish dinner parties for him. The man who maintained such cautious reserve in his own country, who prudently refused to commit himself, grew more expansive on foreign soil. And while he represented his country abroad, he seemed bent on destroying its dignity and respect for its politicians. He derided French politicians in such terms that he shocked the more moderate Spanish Fascists. He often

By Henry Bernstein

quoted passages from articles by Charles Maurras in the "Action Francaise" which insulted the French ministers then in power, mud-slinging articles which, indorsed by our ambassador, were harmful to our prestige as a nation abroad.

Marshal Petain one day told a visitor that he had not been sent to Spain to run errands, but to create an atmosphere sympathetic to France. This point of view would have been acceptable if:

1. Instead of creating this atmosphere Marshal Petain had not dally, by a dozen different means, lowered the prestige of his government in the eyes of the Spaniards.

2. If Marshal Petain had agreed to have an important diplomat to handle affairs between the two countries. But the marshal always opposed that. He sent empty reports to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, although they were always written with the utmost courtesy. To M. Alexis Leger, permanent Under Secretary of State, he sent more confidential and cordial reports. Always when the marshal went to Paris he spent an hour at M. Leger's office, discussing matters freely. When the capitulation brought the marshal into power

his first act was to deprive his friend Alexis Leger of his French citizenship, his crime having consisted of upholding without weakness the foreign policy of France and of having remained pro-English, anti-Nazi, anti-Fascist.

One of the first acts of Marshal Petain, as French Ambassador to Madrid, was to establish a warm friendship with General Stohrer, the German Ambassador, which continued with equal cordiality after war broke out in September, 1939. Newspaper photographs have shown them side by side.

There can be no doubt that from this time on the marshal considered the submission of France to a new European order, commanded by the Germans, to be the only possible—or desirable—result. He represented, however, only a feeble minority in France. The outbreak of war in September found a fine spirit in the country. Efforts to rearm France had been strenuous in 1939. Germany had not yet built the seventy-ton tanks with which she was to break our positions in May, 1940. I questioned a number of soldiers who were starting out for the front. They all believed in victory. The spirit of the people was such, indeed, that Germany dared not attack the French Army until it had been exposed to eight months of propaganda and allowed to rot under the influence of insidious Petainism.

At this time Daladier, who was President of the Council, held two portfolios, being at the same time Minister of War and Minister of Foreign Affairs. Patriot to the bottom of his heart, Daladier was basically so indecisive that both departments were suffering from his fundamental weakness. In December, 1940, he realised that he was being sharply criticised for holding the two principal portfolios when one alone was a staggering job for a man in war time. In order to keep the portfolios he worked out a strange combination. He would appoint two vice-presidents of the Council, Marshal Petain and Herriot—two political adversaries, one man from the Right, the other from the Left—who would have a sort of supervisory power, the first over the War Department, the second over Foreign Affairs. Petain came hastily from Madrid and accepted on the spot.

After accepting Daladier's offer, however, Petain talked to Laval (Continued on Page 10)

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DREAM AND THE REALITY IN JAPAN

UNDER THE HEADING "Dream and reality in Japan," the "London Times" yesterday published a long review of Japanese policy from its Tokyo correspondent.

The article first outlines an historic sketch of Japanese foreign policy since the 16th Century, showing how the country emerged from seclusion, until the present China Incident gave imposing evidence that Japanese ambitions to dominate all Eastern Asia were not only dreams.

The European war seemed to hold out an opportunity of capping them with a grandiose climax, and the Kono Cabinet decided to join those whom they regarded as prospective victors in order to obtain their consent in advance to Japan's sharing the spoils and to eliminate the remaining obstacles from Japan's path.

The article quotes Mr. Matsuoka's new book regarding Japan's world mission, pointing out that Mr. Matsuoka himself declared the outlines of the Japanese objectives will be made clear perhaps in 30 years and will begin to bear fruit in about 50 years.

"Peace Terms"

The article continues: "According to unofficial but authoritative pronouncements, it includes everything between the dateline of the 180th meridian and the Arabian Sea, which would embrace India, Malaya and Australia, and half the world's population."

"Its future form is indicated in the structure of Manchukuo as a nominally independent Empire under Japanese control and in the 'victor's peace terms' outlined in the 'Japan Times and Advertiser,' the Foreign Office organ, demanding the demilitarisation of all British and American strongholds from Gibraltar to Hawaii, 'independence and self-government' for all European possessions in the Pacific, and the appointment of Japanese advisers to their governments, 'to rationalise their forms of cooperation within the sphere of co-prosperity.'

"Though all Japanese statesmen insist Japan has no territorial ambitions and abhors Western imperialism, they have also made it plain that countries which prove 'insincere' or, like the Chinese, 'ignorant' of Japan's real intentions, will have to be brought to book by a strong but paternal armed hand."

Nazi Proposition

The Kono Cabinet, the article continues, fully subscribed to the Nazi proposition that the world should be divided between four or five blocs: the German-Italian bloc embracing all continental Europe and Africa, the Soviet bloc embracing presumably additional parts of Eastern and Central Asia, and the American bloc embracing North and South America, a British Empire bloc, if the British consent to a compromise peace, and a Greater East Asia bloc under Japanese leadership.

In pursuit of this aim Japan has put new vigour into her war against General Chiang Kai-shek and is likewise trying to strengthen the Nanking regime of Wang Ching-wei in a "peace movement" designed to win over the Chinese masses district by district by improving their livelihood.

To the same end she marched troops into French Indo-China, forced mediation in the territorial dispute with Thailand and concluded a trade agreement which paves the way for Japanese exploitation of French Indo-China's resources.

Two Snags

Beyond that, however, the policy has struck two snags: the continued resistance of General Chiang Kai-shek and the attitude of the Netherlands East Indies.

Japan rightly suspects that behind both stand Great Britain and the United States.

According to Kumataro Honda, Ambassador to Nanking, American help has blasted all efforts to reach a compromise peace with General Chiang Kai-shek, undertaken by the "peace brokers" at Shanghai, and the Japanese press is vehement in denouncing the Dutch Government as a mere "puppet" of the Anglo-American camp.

Theory And Fears

Japan thus faces the necessity of reaching a settlement with Great Britain and the United States before she can proceed with her plans or before she can extricate herself from the imbroglio in China.

Numerous suggestions have been advanced with that object in mind but all efforts so far have failed.

In holding fast to its policies the Kono Cabinet has had to hold fast to the theory of an ultimate British and American defeat.

THOUGH THE JAPANESE PRESS IS LOUD IN DECLARING SUCH A DEFEAT IS INEVITABLE, TO MOST JAPANESE THESE ASSERTIONS HAVE ACQUIRED A HOLLOW RING AND MANY BEGIN TO SUSPECT JAPAN HAS JUMPED INTO THE WRONG CAMP.

The more conservative Japanese statesmen are unwilling to risk such, and businessmen, conscious that prosperity depends on foreign trade, 70 per cent. of which before the war was with the Democracies, sees no necessity for it.

Aim And Methods

It is significant that suggestions that Japan should plunge into the war to help Germany and Italy are already denounced as "German Fifth Column work."

On the other hand, there is no blinking the fact that the aim of the policies has the full support of the nation, the only question raised being the wisdom of the chosen methods.

All Japanese want to see their country heir to Great Britain, America and the other White powers in Greater East Asia but not at the price of national catastrophe.

Being realists they are very sensitive to the realities of power, which is why they have often retreated but never suffered an invasion or lost a war. Though the military revolt of February 26, 1936, was crushed, its underlying ideas became to a large extent the basis of the "new structure."

The Checks

But Japanese totalitarianism was met and checked by three forces: the Diet which, supposedly shelved, showed unexpected vigour during the last session; the conservative elements, led by Baron Kichiro Hirayama, the Home Minister in charge of the police and guardian of Imperial rule; and the higher Army leaders, who discovered by painful experience that military and bureaucratic control of industry, far from increasing efficiency, produced a serious drop in production.

The upshot was that the Cabinet was reorganised to combine the military and business interests in war economy directed by Mr. Masatsune Ogura, former Head of the Sumitomo Trust, whose chief executives again are Army and Navy men, to guarantee that his directions are carried out.

And that is where things stand to-day. — Reuter.

GERMAN PRESSURE ON JAPAN

References to the Tri-partite Pact in the semi-official Nazi "Diplomatic Correspondence" yesterday is regarded by the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich newspaper, "Basler Nachrichten" as a strong hint to Japan to form a military government, give up hesitations and to enter the war on Germany's side.—Reuter.

HITLER'S OTHER FRONT

From Nazi-occupied lands a steady trickle of smuggled news provides continuous evidence that Hitler has not overcome the dauntless spirit of the peoples he has conquered and disarmed, says the "New York Times."

Fresh evidence comes from Norway. There, all but three of the 18 provincial governors have resigned rather than obey the puppet Quisling.

Under the excuse of a shortage of workers, compulsory labour has now been decreed throughout the country.

But it will not profit the occupying power, Norwegian exports to the Reich steadily decline.

Transferable loot has been exhausted and the population ingeniously keeps production down so that new supplies fail to materialise.

Hitler reaps only new problems from the lands he has overrun.—Reuter.

MENACE OF THE INCENDIARY

One of the most potent weapons used in aerial warfare is the incendiary bomb, and experience of the "blitz" has showed this menace is best met by the nationwide organisation of fire fighting services.

This year, fire brigades have recently been organised on a national basis and the new scheme will shortly come into active existence.

At the head of the service, under the Home Secretary, is Commander A. N. G. Firebrace, to whom London and the London Fire Brigade owe so much. He is assisted in the new organisation by two deputies, and the fire forces will be divided among twelve civil defence regions.

In each region the distribution of fire divisions will be made according to air raid likelihood and, of course, big cities will be adequately served.

Difficulties relating to conditions of service, which in peacetime vary according to locality, have been overcome and the new service will be an acquisition of great importance to the British strength.

Fire brigades in England are very old institutions and in large towns have a tradition of bravery and efficiency which will permeate the whole of the new organisation.—British Wireless.

Mr. Ronald Cross Stirs Up Storm In Teacup

NAZI SHIPPING BLITZED

Details of the strong attack by the R.A.F. Coastal Command on enemy shipping on Wednesday night, in the course of which nearly 10,000 tons of enemy shipping were almost certainly sunk, are given by the Air Ministry news service.

A tanker of 6,000 tons and a supply ship of 3,500 tons each were hit and almost certainly sunk, it is stated. Two more supply ships, of 2,000 tons each, were straddled with sticks of bombs and probably damaged.

Torpedo-carrying Beaufort aircraft attacked a tanker off the French coast in the English Channel. She had five flak ships spread around her.

The Beauforts found the convoy just as daylight was fading. There was no cloud cover and the fire put up by the escort ships was intense. All the Beauforts came back with holes in them but no serious damage was done and there were no casualties.

The aircraft launched their torpedoes from close range and one was seen to strike a tanker near the foremast. A column of smoke sprang into the air.

A supply ship of 3,500 tons was found at the entrance to a fjord north of Bergen by a Hudson bomber patrolling the Norwegian coast.

The squadron leader piloting the aircraft first saw the ship's wake and then the ship herself making out to sea.

He dived to a height which just enabled him to clear the top of the ship's masts and released a stick of heavy bombs with a slight delay action.

"I saw one bomb burst on the ship," the rear gunner later reported, "and immediately there was a violent explosion from the after hold. Flames shot up."

The crew of the Hudson, however, saw a second bomb enter the water so close to the side of the vessel that it must have done more severe damage. They think it may have acted like a torpedo and holed the ship below the water line.

In Circles

When the A.A. fire had died down the Hudson returned to the ship and saw her enveloped in flames and down by the stern. As the aircraft flew away the ship was well on fire and travelling in circles.

A second force of Beauforts attacked two 2,000 tons supply ships which were anchored 150 yards apart at St. Nazaire.

Several sticks of bombs were laid across the position from a low level but fierce opposition prevented the rear crews observing exact results.

Two bombs of one stick, however, were seen to strike the water directly between the ships.

—British Wireless.

HOPKINS ATTENDS CABINET

Mr. Harry Hopkins, supervisor of the Lease and Lend programme of American aid to Britain, arrived in London yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Hopkins made the journey from America in a bomber-forming one of a fleet of bombers all of whom arrived safely.

Immediately on arrival he visited the Prime Minister and subsequently attended a meeting of the Cabinet. —British Wireless.

"I REJOICE WE HAVE this powerful nation on our side. Russia is our ally, and those who hate her and express their hatred by words or deeds, certainly are not friends of Britain at the present time."

This declaration was made in Sydney yesterday by the Australian Attorney-General and Navy Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, replying to a statement alleged to have been made by the new British High Commissioner, Mr. Ronald Cross, on his arrival in Australia on Wednesday.

Mr. Cross is reported to have said: "The Russian system of government is hated throughout England, and only a tiny minority think it better than the Nazi dictatorship."

MR. CROSS HAS PROTESTED AGAINST BEING QUOTED OUT OF CONTEXT AND STATED THAT THE REPORT OF HIS REMARKS DID NOT CONVEY HIS REAL MEANING.

"I agree with Mr. Churchill's remarks about Communism in the past," said Mr. Cross.

"I have not even begun to say what Mr. Churchill said about the Communists. It is not my business to engage in controversy but I agree with Mr. Churchill's attitude towards Communism."

Cross Words

Mr. Hughes had also said: "Mr. Churchill's recent speech answers Mr. Cross with whose views I disagree."

"The alliance does not commit Russia to acceptance of our theory of Democracy, nor us to accept Communism."

Meanwhile, Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, had remarked on Mr. Hughes' comments.

"Mr. Hughes was not speaking on behalf of the Australian Government."

"Mr. Cross is a highly qualified man from Britain. If he is not at liberty to make a statement regarding the position in Britain I completely misunderstand the situation." —Reuter.

NAVAL CHIEFS CONFER

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CALLED A CONFERENCE OF HIS CHIEF NAVAL ADVISERS FOR LATE YESTERDAY.

The men summoned by the President were Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy; Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations; Rear-Admiral Ernest Fleet, and Rear-Admiral Richmond Turner, Chief of the War Plans Division of the Naval Operations Office. —Reuter.

CHINESE DOLLAR UNCERTAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Reaction of the Chinese dollar in the open market in Shanghai to the Japanese Cabinet changes is still uncertain awaiting appointment of the new Cabinet.

The Chinese dollar improved slightly yesterday morning on news of the resignation. —International News Service.

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FROM MADRID TO VICHY

(Continued from Page 7)

and returned to Daladier with a counter-proposition. Daladier was to be President of the Council without portfolio. Petain was to be Minister of War and Laval was to be Minister of Foreign Affairs. As for Herriot, the great leader of the Left, liberal, anti-Nazi and pro-English, he was to be excluded from the combination or must be satisfied with the Ministry of Justice.

The combination fell through, and Marshal Petain returned to his post in Madrid. "While he represented his country, now at war with Germany, the French Embassy in Madrid became a gathering place for pacifists. Back and forth, from Petain to Laval, went a constant procession of politicians, and slowly, through France, filtered the idea of a "Petain peace."

What was happening in the French Embassy in Madrid and who were the willing messengers between Petain and Laval? Among the men who made the pilgrimage to the Marshal were:

Francois Pietri, who is to-day Ambassador to Madrid and a staunch supporter of the new order. M. Pietri is a Corsican who represented Corsica in the Chamber of Deputies. Until the war he always claimed to be a liberal who was criticised for having too Leftist tendencies. But at Bordeaux, about June 20—that is, in the darkest days of the defeat—it was a surprise to hear him say that Corsica belonged to Italy and that there could be no discussion on the point. To-day, in Madrid, he is hunting at the session of a part of French Morocco to Spain. It is through his kindly intercession that Spanish political refugees in France are being turned over to the Government of General Franco.

Senator Lemery, Petain and Laval had made him Minister of Justice in the Doumergue Cabinet. Since then he had served as liaison agent between his two masters.

Fernand de Brinon, the great friend of the German agent, Abetz. He had the merit of frankness, compared with his companions, and openly declared himself to be pro-Nazi.

Gustave Herve, the ex-anarchist, anti-militarist, whose pamphlets now called for Petain, hailing him in advance—as the savior of France.

Loustaleau-Lacan, of the Cagoulards affairs, of which Marshal Petain had been so blissfully unaware, went to Madrid to see the marshal.

The effect of all this going to

and fro was felt as talk of a "Petain peace" grew widespread. It was in the mouth of all the reactionaries; of all the appeasers; of all the people who thought it impossible to beat Germany; of all those who, falling into the German trap, thought the Communist danger more pressing than that of Nazism. It was in the mouth, too, of a group of semi-mystics who believed that only a defeat could regenerate France. One wonders what they think to-day of France's regeneration.

One could follow the effect of this incessant talk on the little people, returning on leave from the army. They had set out full of valour and hope, they returned more discouraged each time.

"Marshal Petain," they said, "was against the war. He saw war in 1914. He didn't want it to happen again. We should have let him make peace."

So the people who lied, the little people to whom they lied and the people who lied to themselves ended by having a "Petain peace." They can hardly be very enthusiastic about it.

Hitler himself, with sombre irony, added his voice to those who insisted "Petain did not want war." When he met the marshal at Montoire on October 24, 1940, in a railroad car, he held out a forgiving hand and said, "I know, marshal, that you did not want war."

How did he know? Marshal Petain never said so publicly. Gen. Stohrer, German Ambassador to Madrid, with whom Marshal Petain had such friendly conversations during the hostilities, also took part in the interview at Montoire. Perhaps he was in a position to inform the Fuehrer as to the sentiments of the marshal.

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 52

By The Four Aces

The bidding is obviously logical, so crime students will have to examine South's play of the hand to discover the misdeed in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer East-West vulnerable			
NORTH			
♠ K 10 3			
♥ Q 6 5 2			
♦ 10 6 5 3			
♣ K 10			
WEST			
♠ A J 8 5 2			
♥ A 4			
♦ Q 9 8 4			
♣ 4 3			
EAST			
♠ 6 4			
♥ 10 9 8 3			
♦ J 7			
♣ Q 9 8 7 6			
SOUTH			
♠ Q 9 7			
♥ K J 7			
♦ A K 2			
♣ A J 6 2			

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the five of spades, and South won the trick with the spade seven. Declarer then finessed dummy's ten of clubs, losing to East's Queen. A spade return was taken by West's Ace, and another spade round was taken by dummy's King. Declarer then cashed the clubs, but West discarded a diamond and a heart and obtained the lead with the heart Ace in time to defeat the contract with the rest of the spade suit.

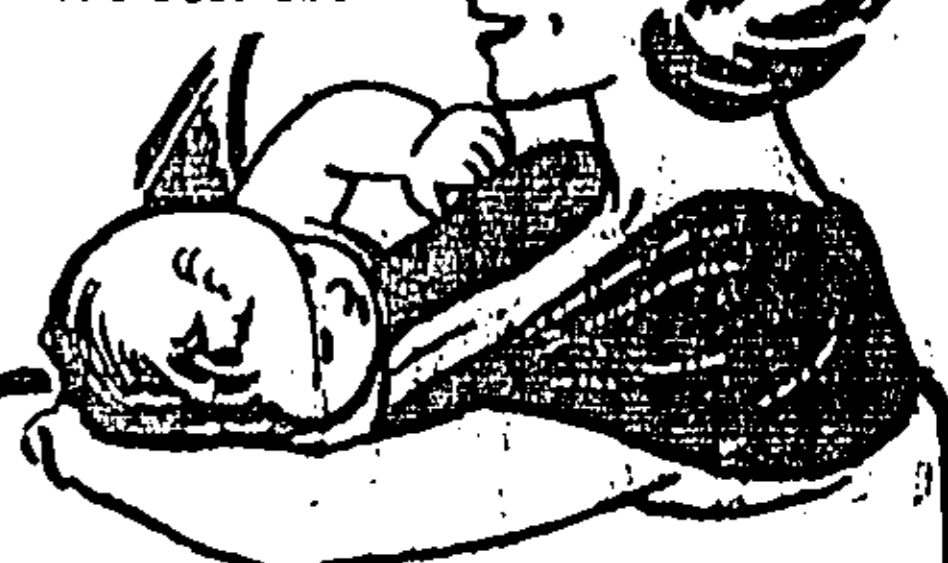
Don't leap to conclusions too quickly, if you want to detect the crime accurately. When you think you have it, compare notes with our analysis.

South was the criminal, but just for misguessing the location of the club Queen. That was all right, even though a correct guess in clubs would have allowed him to make the contract. But the crime was in playing clubs so soon.

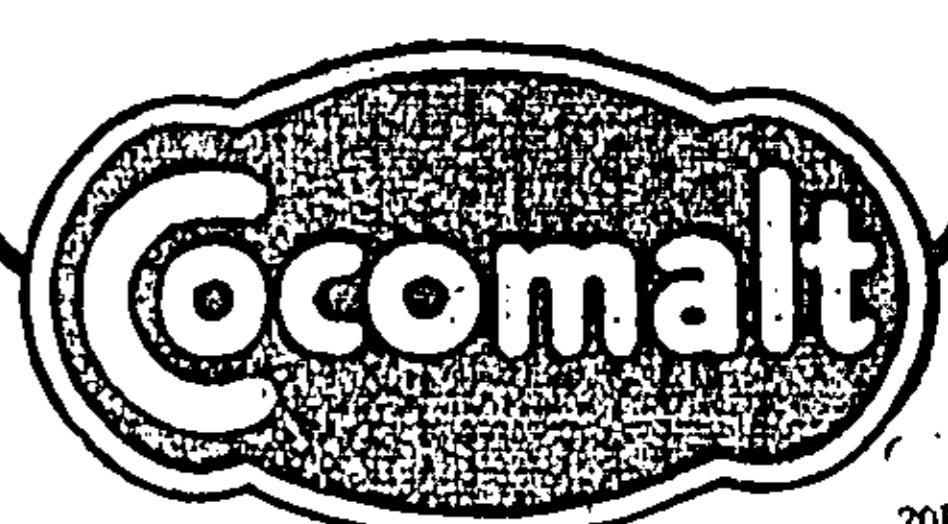
Correct play is to force out the heart Ace at the second trick. Then West can clear the spades but can never thereafter gain the lead; for South can finesse clubs towards East, losing a club trick but making sure of three club tricks altogether. The point was that South had to develop both hearts and clubs, but in the correct order. And correct play was to knock out West's entry before worrying about East's possible trick.

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♥ A 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenken	You	Malen
1♠	Pass	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. A simple raise usually shows a weaker hand than this, but there is no better bid that you can make with this hand. If your partner cannot find another bid, you probably have no game.

Score 100% for two spades, 20% for two clubs, two diamonds, or one no-trump.

Question No. 771

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 9 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

The bidding:

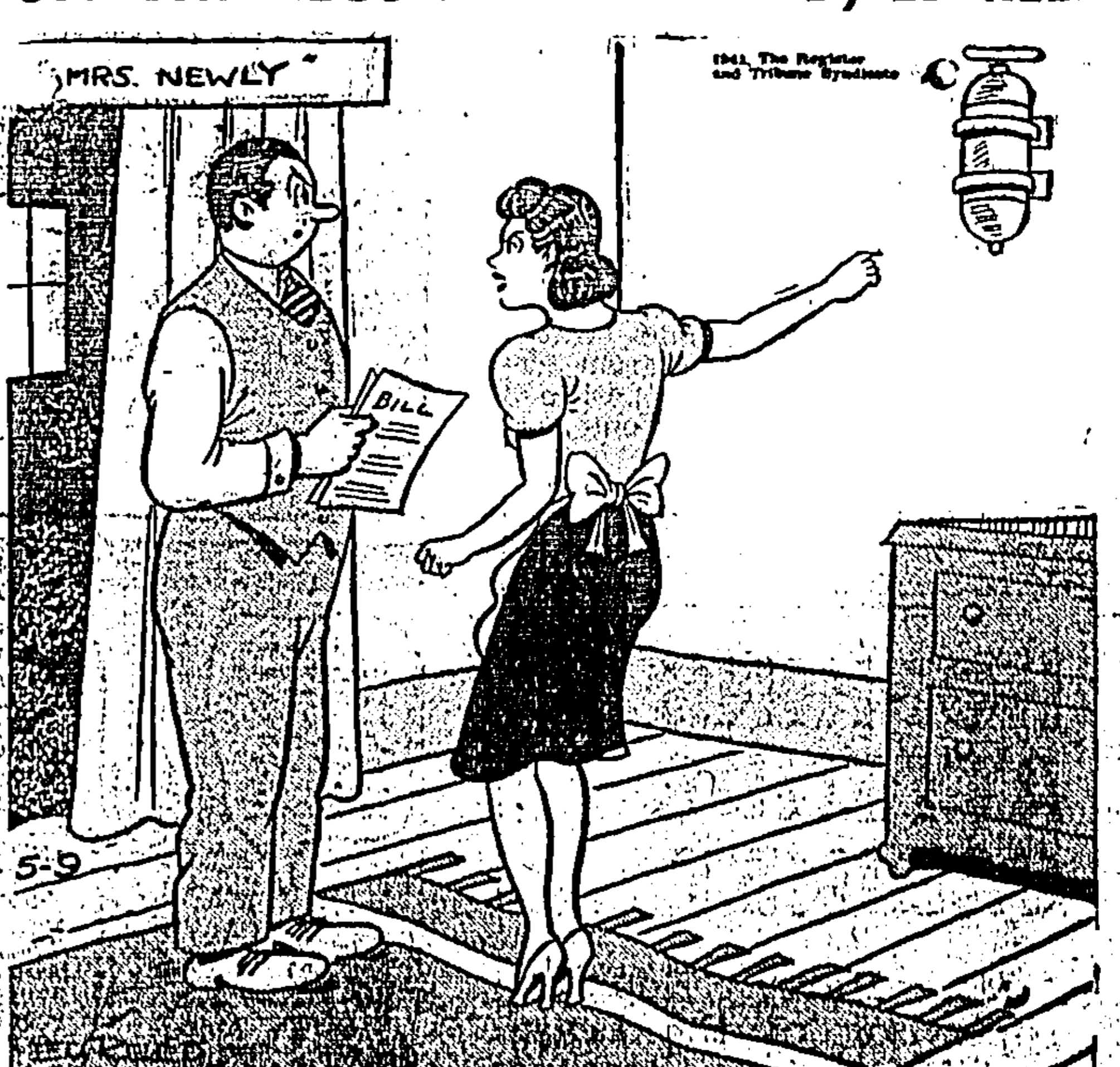
Jacoby	Schenken	You	Malen
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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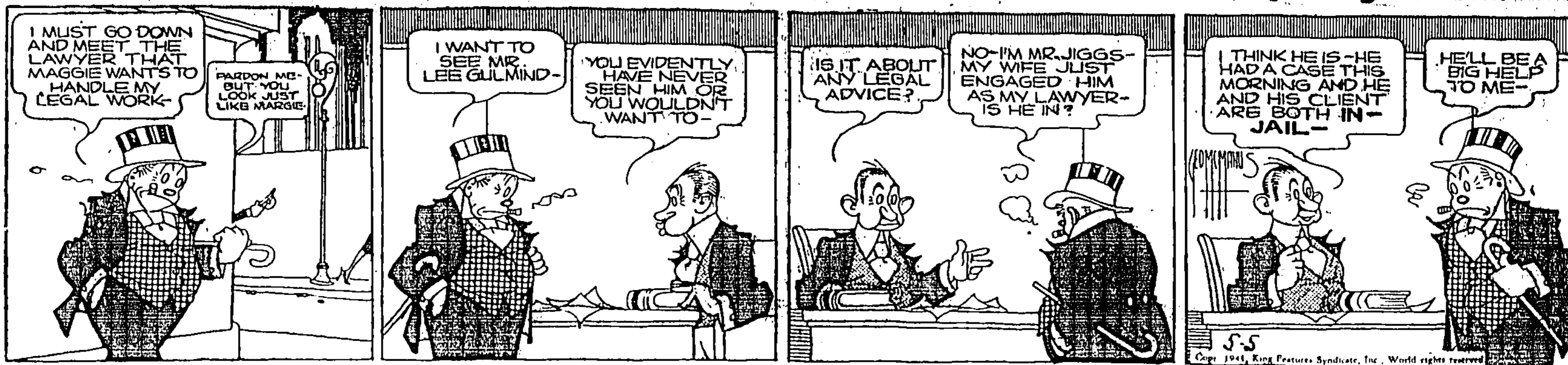
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WANTS NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED

GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL, Chief of the U.S. Army General Staff, testifying before the Senate Military Committee yesterday, drew attention to the urgent necessity from the military standpoint for Congress to declare a national emergency under which selectees, National Guardsmen and reserves could be retained in service beyond a year.

General Marshall said that from the strategic viewpoint the efficiency of the War Department and the military forces would be greatly improved if Congress removed the present prohibitions against longer service.

He declared at the same time it was absurd to believe he had an American expeditionary force in mind.

"We started only last Autumn. We can do a wonderful job. We can render ourselves so strong that all our interests will be safeguarded."

"To stop in the middle of the procedure would be unwise when the situation as we see it in the War Department is so grave."

He added the War Department was unable to publish all its information regarding current developments.

Efficiency Impaired

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"India has given every possible assistance and without it the campaign in the Western Desert and the occupation of Syria could hardly have been carried out."

This statement was made at a press conference in Simla yesterday by General Sir Archibald Wavell, new Commander-in-Chief, India.

It had been an inspiration to him, he said, to see the magnificent work of the Indian troops in the Middle East and to know of India's great war effort from the invaluable assistance given him there.

General Wavell emphasised that in the Middle East and elsewhere the forces from India continue to play a leading part and would contribute to wards final victory.

Referring to India's defence, General Wavell said: "So long as we have so many young men willing to serve and such fine material, and so long as India continues to produce war material in addition to supplies coming from England, we need have no doubt as to the defence of India."—Reuter.

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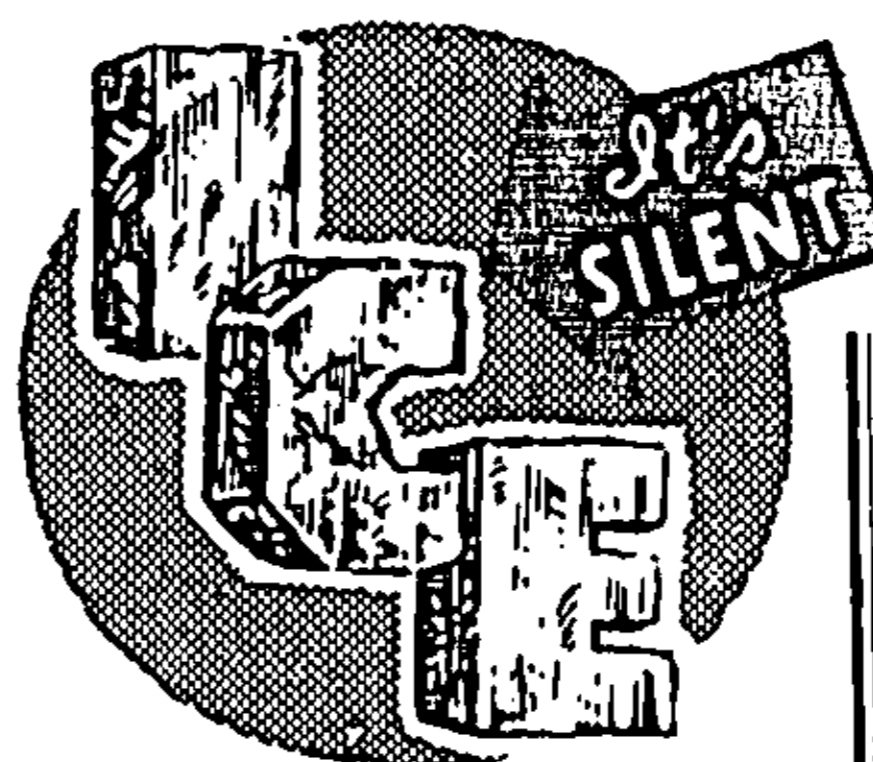
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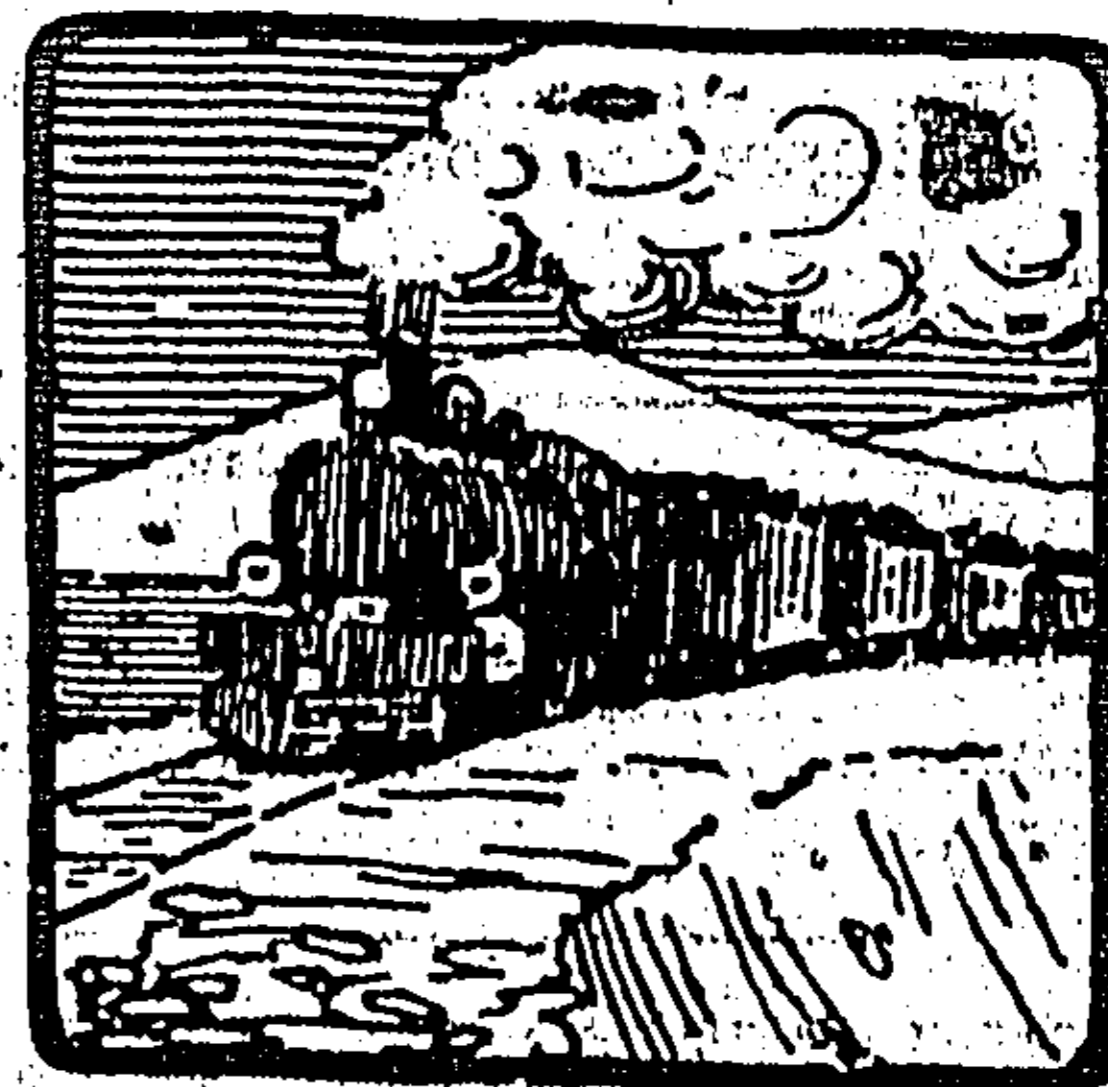
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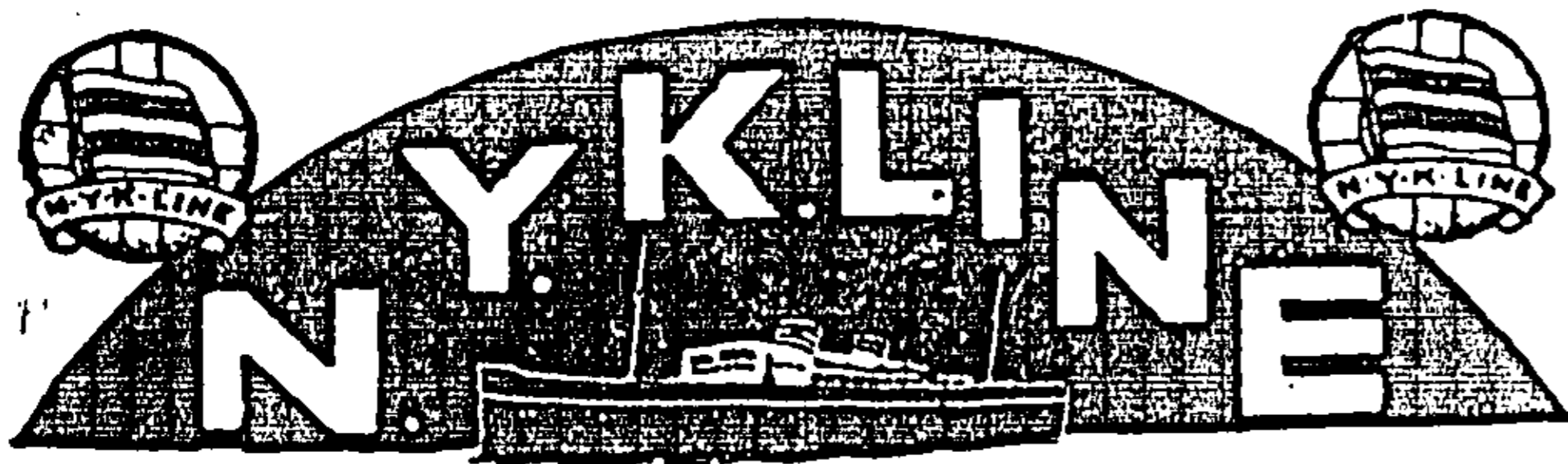
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Charged with offering Sanitary Inspector C. Spradbury a bribe of \$5, and with keeping an unlicensed food factory at No. 2, Burrows Street, Wan Kau, 25, was fined \$20 or three weeks' imprisonment, on the first charge, and \$10 or 10 days on the second charge, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

Accused pleaded not guilty, stating that besides not being the master of the factory, he was not acquainted with the regulations. Inspector Spradbury testified that when he visited the premises on Monday, accused refused to reveal the name of the master. When witness visited the place yesterday, accused offered him \$5 "wine money."

Accused claimed that he gave the \$5 to witness for bail.

Economic Cooperation

ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN BRITAIN, THE DOMINIONS AND AMERICA IS STEADILY DEVELOPING.

The Secretary for Overseas Trade, Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, told the Commons yesterday he was glad to be able to make this statement, and added the British Government and, no doubt, the Dominions Governments, also look to it becoming closer still.

As one example he pointed to the fact that the Wheat Advisory Committee was now meeting in Washington under the chairmanship of the British delegate. — *Reuter*.

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The Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association gratefully acknowledges the following donations and subscriptions:

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ANTI-CHOLERA REGULATIONS

Three Chinese appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning charged with a breach of the Anti-Cholera Regulations.

Lee Mui, 19, who said she was a widow, was fined \$15, or two weeks' hard labour for selling "Leung Fun"; Wong Pin, 35, was fined \$25, or one month for making meat pies, while Wong Kai, 22, was fined \$10 for making sponge cakes.

The Tag Day organised by The China Defence League to raise funds for the International Peace Hospitals in China, which are entirely dependent for funds and medical supplies by contributions from abroad, is to take place to-morrow.

RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra.
A Vision Of Spring—Intro: Spring Song—O That We Two Were Maying: A Spring Morning—Come Lassies and Lads—Spring's Awakening—Now The Day Is Over.

Erik Charell's "White Horse Inn"—Selection.
Love Tales—Selection of celebrated Love Songs.

Jerome Kern Melodies—Intro: There's A Hill Beyond A Hill; Blue Eyes; Dancing Time; Look For The Silver Lining; She Didn't say Yes; Whose Baby Are you (Arr. Henry Hall).

7.15 p.m.—Student Songs.
There Is A Tavern In The Town; Vive La Compagnie—When Johnny Comes Marching Home... Harold Williams (Vocal) with B.B.C. Male Chorus with Piano.
Riding Down From Bangor—Solomon Levi (Traditional) ... Raymond Newell (Baritone) & B.B.C. Male Chorus with Piano.
John Peel (Traditional) ... Harold Williams (Baritone) & B.B.C. Male Chorus with Piano.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—London—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates.
Springtime Suite—Fresh Morning (Pastorale); Noonday Song (Romance); Dance In the Twilight (Valse)... Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Coates.
Because I Miss You So ... Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) with Piano.
London Again Suite—Langham Place; Oxford Street... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crean.

Bird Songs At Eventide... Georges Tzipine (Violin) with Grand Organ of the Gaumont Palace.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—An Hour of Classical Requests.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music with Variety.

11.00 p.m.—London—"Makers of History". Talk on Marshal Chiang Kai Shek.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

U.S. ARMY AT ITS PEACE PEAK

THE UNITED STATES LAND FORCES HAVE REACHED A PEACE-TIME PEAK OF 1,477,000 OF WHOM 624,000 ARE SELECTIVE TRAINEES, SAID MR. ROBERT PATTERSON, UNDER-SECRETARY OF WAR, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

He added that the War Department had received "substantial delivery" of the A24, a new Douglas light dive-bomber which, he declared, would "outperform any dive-bomber in Europe."

Mr. Patterson said that following Wednesday's reshuffle in the Army High Command, which involved 17 Major-Generals, there would be more changes in conformity with the War Department's policy of "assigning generals to duties which are believed they perform more effectively."

Replying to questions, Mr. Patterson said that the changes "are not closely linked" with the recent exercises. — *Reuter*.

BRITISH POLICY IN ICELAND

"THERE WILL BE NO WHOLESALE EXODUS OF BRITISH TROOPS FROM ICELAND AT PRESENT," LORD HALIFAX, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, TOLD THE PRESS IN LOS ANGELES LAST NIGHT.

He added: "The British troops will only move out in the proportion to which the U.S. sends its soldiers to Iceland, and how long the process will take I cannot say."

At the City Hall, Lord Halifax told Mayor Bowron that United States planes were helping to win the war. — *Reuter*.

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DEAKIN'S RETURN TO CIVIL SERVICE LINE-UP STOPS STRING OF DEFEATS

By "Skip"

AS NO LESS THAN SEVEN OF THE SEASON'S RECORDS WERE BEATEN AND ANOTHER FIVE EQUALLED, LAST SATURDAY'S LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE PROGRAMME MAY WELL BE TERMED THE MOST SENSATIONAL WE HAVE EVER KNOWN.

Most astounding of the whole lot was the colossal score which the Police Third Division team amassed against Club de Recreio, and the latter's consequent annihilation by 72 shots. Without in any way detracting from the Police victory, which I anticipated, it is only fair to Club de Recreio to say that they had to field several novices, some of whom had never previously played in a League match, due to a general promotion scheme on account of Volunteer duties.

This superfluity of records tends to distort one's general view of the day's programme, the best results in which were the win by Civil Service over Police in First League, Hong Kong Football Club's away victory at Craigen-gower in Second Division and Hong Kong Cricket Club's second leg of the "double," which enabled them to step up a rung in the League ladder.

CRAIGENGOWER scored a huge victory over Kowloon Dock at Hung Hom, the 58-shot margin being the highest in this section this season, and incidentally surpassing any margin last year. The visitors were vastly superior to their hosts, whose position in the League is to say the least of it rather precarious.

Bradbury, for whom Alfred Coates was in good form, was excellent against Willie Greig, whose play merited a rather better result. He had little support from his front men, although both McMaster and Mackie put up some good woods. Their opposites, Joe Leonard and Luke Souza, although having a slight edge, were not up to standard. Bradbury had 3 fives in his total of 38 shots, his opponent scoring at only six ends.

Owing to the illness of Gaddi, Charlie Rossetti had a substitute number 2 in Rosario and he played an excellent game in a rink which, generally speaking, was out-bowling the other team, although not to the same extent as in Bradbury's case. Charlie Thom doing excellent work as second man to Bob Morrison.

Malcolm Ferguson, although never in the running after the seventh end, at which he was leading 4-3, put up the best showing, Omar being his conqueror by only a dozen shots. Tommy Coleman was largely responsible for this result, whilst brother "K M." was the best on Omar's side. Dick Bana again being poor as third man.

Shepherd's Brilliant Last End Shot

THE return of the popular Jack Deakin must have served as an inspiration to the Civil Servants, who after a lean time—they had not won since the first match of the season against K.C.C.—managed to beat the Police by a narrow margin. Rakusen's 5 shot win against John Fender being their best result as Deakin set home by a last head count of a singleton and McGowan and Shepherd tied.

For Rakusen, who again played well, "Jack" Shepherd, playing what proved to be his last match before going on leave, gave an improved display and put in some pretty shots as second man. Vic Ebbage, proved a useful right hand man at times, but he was excelled by Orém, who came right onto his game. A couple of left-handers, in Post and Forrest were not quite as good as usual.

Jack Deakin, after a slow start, did very well but his improvement coincided with a slight falling off on the part of his lead, Jimmy Gellatly, who had been excellent up to about the 14th end. Simpson's proved the most steady of the home four, taking the game all through, but he had nothing on "Polly" Perkins, Wally Mair's main support.

Shepherd looked to be having a small but certain win against J. F. McGowan until a five to the latter, the first real break he had, put him only one in arrears, and eventually Shepherd needed three to tie at the last end.

AND HE GOT THEM BY MEANS OF ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT SHOTS IMAGINABLE. WHEN HE BUMPED UP ONE OF HIS SIDE'S WOODS TO MAKE IT TAKE THE JACK THROUGH TO A COUPLE OF BACK ONES

In the fact that the Jack had to go only in one direction and only a certain distance, which he nominated, lay the uncanniness of the shot!

Willie Harris was the next best man in the rink, both the other Willies, McLeod and Dall being erratic. Dan Crawley usually bettering the former towards the end of the game. Elliott Purvis was useful to his skip, who did not find the woods running too kindly for him.

Bebbington Offers Bold Front

CLUB de Recreio easily accounted for Kowloon Cricket Club, as was expected, only Norman Bebbington putting up a real fight to go down by a single shot to Luz, after leading until the 20th end. He and Peter Lloyd were the outstanding players in the visitors' rink; Luz alone most for the homesters.

Although Perry was leading well for Teddy Fincher, the rink as a whole was outclassed by Dick Alves' four—especially in the middle positions, where neither Jack nor Smith could get going.

Tommy Madar held "Spuggy" Silva until well after the tea interval, being all square at the 13th; "unlucky for some," and he scored only once more and lost by ten.

Peckham & Sykes Earn Promotion

THE standard of bowls at Kowloon Bowling Green Club, where brother met brother, was far from high, though the "A" team deserved their 4-1 win.

Alf Hall, who, I am told, "was the only one of the eight who could draw a shot" gave debutant McNeill a severe trouncing whilst Adam Holland, aided it must be admitted, by a certain amount of fortune—that is putting it mildly Mr. Sports Editor—beat Meyer's four by 10 shots. Herbie Bicknell, the latter's new lead was probably the best player on view, and he had a definite edge on so good a player as Willie Walker. Both skips were off.

Percy Peckham receives promotion to the first team by reason of his excellent game against McKelvie's four, whilst Len Sykes, his No. 3, goes back to the "A" team, for whom he began the season, for a similar reason. These two were right on form and although McKelvie played some pretty shots, the combination was too strong for him and Drew to cope with.

Guterres Playing Excellent Bowls

I HAVE been able to glean little information about the game at Sokunpo, where Club de Recreio "B" were entertained and lost an exceptionally high-scoring game by half-a-dozen shots and 4 points to 1. The latter point was saved by Doc Guterres, who is playing excellent bowls just now—see the skip's table—and is full of confidence. He beat Abbas by three shots after being a couple to the bad with three heads to go.

Dallah got a couple of skips' points and one for his side by reason of securing the narrowest of wins—achieved at the last end—against Charlie Silva.

In contrast to these results, however, Mini was always well ahead of John Basso, though the Portuguese skip rallied towards the finish.

Ho Hong-bing, novice jockey, who had to give up riding soon after the 1941 Annual Race Meeting, has now sufficiently recovered from his operation for appendicitis to be thinking of going down to the course again, and he will resume racing in September.



Hong Kong Football Club beat Craigen-gower C.C. by 2 rinks to 1 in Second Division of the Lawn Bowls League last Saturday. Our photograph shows W. Ward, No. 3 to N. P. Karanjia's C.C.C. rink, bowling with his team-mate, C. W. Lam (nearest camera), H. V. Pearce, A. Brookbank and R. P. Shaw looking on.

SIMPSON'S RINK TOTAL 18 AFTER ONLY FIVE ENDS

By "Skip"

CLUB DE RECREIO HAD A "HAM AND EGG" TEAM OUT AGAINST KOWLOON TONG IN SECOND DIVISION AND WERE BADLY BEATEN, STEPHENS HAVING THE BIGGEST WIN AGAINST MARCUS CARVALHO, FOR WHOM L. A. GUTIERREZ—DONOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SHIELD—TURNED OUT AS THREE. HE HAS NOT BEEN PLAYING MUCH LATELY AND DID NOT PULL HIS WEIGHT.

BOWLS SWEEP

Following is the Lawn Bowls Sweep draw for to-morrow's League games:

FIRST DIVISION	
P.R.C. (34)	v Recreio "A" (358)
K.C.C. (68)	v C.C.C. (385)
Recreio "B" (401)	v C.S.C.C. (280)
K.B.G.C. "A" (448)	v I.R.C. (275)
K.B.G.C. "B" (545)	v K.D.R.C. (192)
SECOND DIVISION	
P.O.C. (573)	v Recreio (255)
K.T.G.C.A. (500)	v H.K.C.C. (51)
H.K.F.C. (345)	v K.C.C. (397)
C.C.C. (445)	v Taikeo (48)
BYE—K.F.C. (374)	
THIRD DIVISION	
I.R.C. (353)	v C.C.C. (549)
K.F.C. (204)	v K.B.G.C. (233)
Recreio (565)	v H.K.F.C. (234)
H.K.E.R.C. (547)	v P.R.C. (529)
BYE—H.K.C.C. (38)	

CRAIGENGOWER CHANGES IN 3RD DIVISION

With the return of L. Gaddi to Rossetti's rink, Craigen-gower Cricket Club will have their full team playing for them again to-morrow. Last Saturday Gaddi was a non-starter and his place was taken by Rosario.

For their Third Division match against Indian Recreation Club, Coelho's rink remains unchanged but for the fact that Todd will be lead instead of Curd. Medina, who was No. 3 to Way in Second Division last week, takes over a rink and will play instead of Randall. His front men will be Pavri, Li Sul-wing and Rosario (No. 2 to Rossetti's First Division rink last week). Randall had Pavri, Itenson and Modi playing for him.

The third rink also sees a complete change. Karanjia, who had a rink of his own in Second Division last week, will be leading one in Third Division this time with Lam, No. 2 to Zimmermann (2nd Division last week) as his right hand man. Dolgado, No. 3 to Lammert last week, will be lead while Modi, Randall's No. 3 last week, will be No. 2. Lammert will not be seen in action this time.

Following are the teams—
First Division (v. Kowloon C.C.):
Away—J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (skip);
Home—A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Bana, U. M. Omar (skip); A. A. Razack, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt, C. S. Rossetti (skip).

Third Division (v. Indian R.C. way):
—R. K. Pavri, Li Sul-wing, D. A. Rosario, M. J. Medina (skip); E. J. Todd, A. E. S. Alves, E. S. Frank, A. J. Coelho (skip); F. X. Dolgado, F. K. Modi, Dr. C. W. Lam, Dr. N. P. Karanjia (skip).

CRICKET CLUB'S DOUBLE

By "Skip"

I can recognise only about three or four of the names in Club de Recreio's line-up against Police in Third Division, so I presume the rest were all novices: I hope they will not be disheartened by the slaughter of the innocents, of which they were the victims!

As I indicated in my forecast last Saturday, Police are very strong this season. Presuming that they could win outright the 2 games which they have in hand with K.B.G.C., present leaders, they would be only half a point in arrears. Food for thought, should you care to study the League table, where you will find that, with one exception, they are more than these two games in hand.

And without wishing to rob the Police team of their glory—we'll leave this match at that!

Pavri's Promise

CRAIGENGOWER scraped home to a victory against Kowloon Football Club which upset my forecast again—not so successful this week. Coelho's win by 4 was the biggest one on either side, and he always had a useful lead until Abbas started creeping up, one at a time, in the second half.

Pavri, a new player, displayed encouraging form as lead to Herbert Randall, the other winning home skip; whilst Modi as third man to him was always doing something useful. Of the Kowloon four I heard that both Fuller and Tommy Ferguson were going great guns. Randall scored his winning shot at the last end.

Lionel Lammert lost to Bob Ogden by a brace to suffer the only home defeat, after a rare tussle in which both skippers shone.

L. E. Lammert

Wahab's Recovery

HONG Kong Football Club won quite comfortably against Indians, for whom only Wahab won. His game again Guy Stephens was an unusual one in that he was 15-7 down at one stage yet managed to win by a margin of over half-a-dozen.

Sammy Carr could not find the form he had recently displayed and Arculli had him skinned, so to speak. Bickford and Stephens were good, especially in the early stages but then Wahab and his able assistant, A. H. Madar, took command.

George Graver, for whom I understand Ken Forrow played well as lead, managed to pip A. O. Madar after an uphill struggle in which he had not the lead until the 10th, but James Ralston simply ran away from S. M. Ruffahn after tea, scoring 21 shots to a singleton in nine heads. Syd Strange was the strong man here.

Valentine Leads Well

HONG Kong Cricket Club completed a nice double at the expense of the Electricians, P. J. A.

Hamilton's four playing havoc with the rink skipped by Reg Butler, which was able to score at only six ends.

Archie Nissim also collected a point, which was pretty good against Sloan, who is not easy to beat. Doc Valentine led well for Nissim. Edgar Abraham secured the biggest count of the rink when he got a five, but the result was a foregone conclusion by that time and he lost by eight shots.

R. C. Butler

RINKS RESULTS

Two matches in the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship were decided yesterday and resulted as follows:—

At C.S.C.C.: W. Cameron and E. G. Post beat G. W. Sewell and H. Nish, 28-12.

At K.F.C.: K. C. Hamilton and A. M. Holland beat H. Brokenshire and A. Zimmermann, 20-8.

Sgt. W. J. Whelan has been nominated as Royal Engineers' representative on the Council of Hong Kong Football Association.

Macfarlane's Six Turns Scales

WILLIE Macfarlane scored a six at the 19th head when the team was two down, and this turned the scales in Hong Kong Football Club's favour in their match against Craigen-gower, whom they eventually beat by 3 shots—a pretty near thing it would appear. On paper, though, the footballers always seemed to have the advantage, though 6 in two heads to Bill Way, just before his big count, rather raised the home team's hopes. Charlie Needham was useful to Macfarlane, who was also very good, with Medina and Way the best of the opposition.

Walter Gill of "cut yourself a piece of cake" fame had Jack Howell as second man and did well to beat Tommy Lock's four by a small margin, secured at the last two ends.

"Carrots" Karanjia never seemed in any difficulties against Ken Robertson who thereby lost his first game in three. He could do little right.

K.F.C. Shatter Three 1941 Records

KOWLOON Football Club made whoopee with a capital "W" against Taikeo Club at Chatham Road, and in so doing shattered three records. The Quarry Bay club sent over a weakish team, but I do not mean that to detract from the merit of the home-sters' performance for they were playing right at the top of their form. I heard there was hardly a weak spot in the team, although I expected Kern's re-arranged rink to do better than win by only four. Bill Simpson's four commenced with no less than 18 in the first 5 heads against Jim Watson—and went on to win by a couple of dozen, which was about the same as P. Younghusband's margin against Willie Melrose, who is proving the most successful of the Taikeo skips. But he never had a look in on Saturday and scored on only 5 ends.

Win By 41 Shots Fourth Best

PRISON Officers beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 41 shots, and having drawn them in the sweep I thought I was "in the money". But this margin was only fourth, so it was lucky I did not celebrate until I had made sure—as I did in another connection a couple of weeks ago, "Never count your shots until they are measured!"

Jimmy Jack played his first League game this season and did remarkably well to lose by only a couple to McCutcheon, but neither Carr nor Steven could make any impression on Gowland and Bagley, although Steven had a nap hand on the last head against the latter.

CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB 'BADLY JEOPARDISED THEIR CHANCES OF 'FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TENNIS HONOURS' WHEN, IN THEIR "NEEDLE" MATCH AGAINST SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AT KING'S PARK LAST EVENING, THEY LOST BY 2½ SETS TO 6½.

South China's outstanding games are against the two lowly-placed Post Office Recreation Club teams and Chinese Recreation Club, and if present form is any criterion they should have no difficulty in retaining the C B A Shield they won from Chinese Recreation Club last year.

At King's Park, South China Athletic Association beat Craigengower Cricket Club by 6½ sets to 2½. Scores were:—
K. T. Wong and K. I. Sit (S.C.A.A.):—
beat K. L. Au and C. M. Lee, 6-3, beat
Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung, 6-1, beat
H. Wong and P. C. Yau, 6-4

H. K. Ho and C. L. Lau (S.C.A.A.):--
beat Au and Lee, 6-3, beat Mok and
Leung, 6-1, lost to Wong and Yiu, 3-6

C. T. Yip and W. H. Mok (S.C.A.A.):--
lost to Au and Lee, 4-6, beat Mok and
Leung, 6-2, drew with Wong and Yiu.

6-6

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club shared 9 sets with Indian Recreation Club. Scores were:—
S Sgt. Ford and L/Cpl. Stone (A.T.C.):—beat M B. Hussain and G. Singh, 7-5; beat M S. Hussain and M. I. Razack, 6-1, beat A J. Sufflad and U. A. Rumlahn, 6-2

S/Sgt. Mitchell and Spr. Elacey (A.T.C.):—drew with Hassan and Singh 0-6; lost to Hussain and Razack, 4-6; beat Sufflad and Rumjahn, 6-4

Sgt. Coughlin and Bdr. Mew (A.T.C.):—lost to Hassan and Singh, 0-6; lost to Hussain and Razack, 3-6; lost to Sufflad and Rumjahn, 5-7.

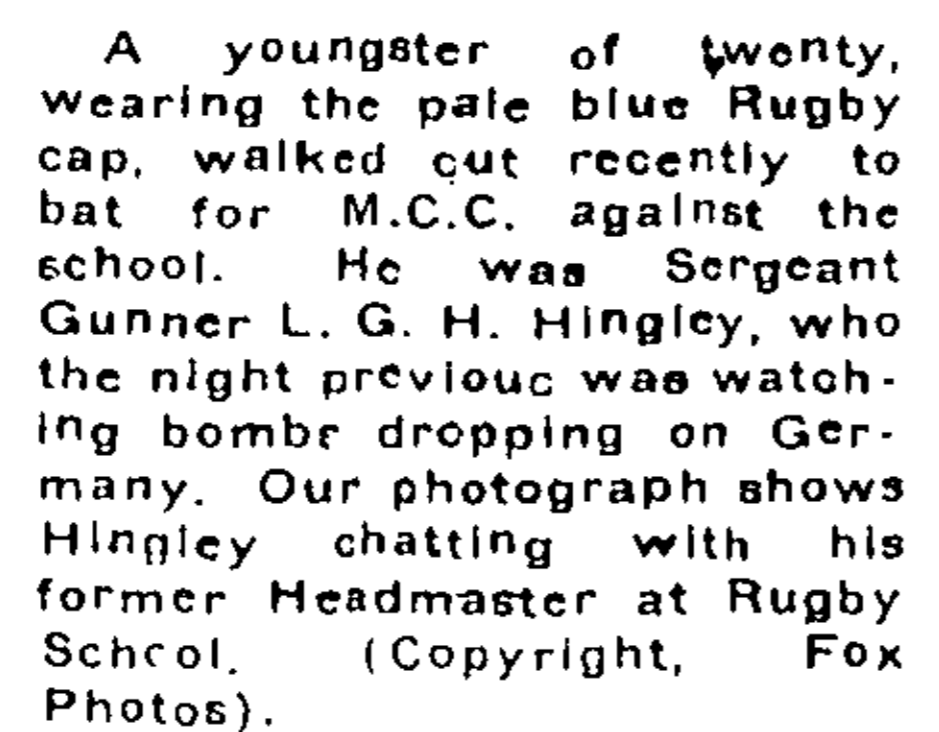
At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Chinese Recreation Club by 5½ sets to 3½. Scores were:—
S. R. Ramler and B. Godkin (J. R. C.):—beat C. M. Wong and Alfred Lui, 6-3; lost to C. N. Tsang and T. F. Choy, 3-6, beat M. C. Lau and C. T. Tso, 6-3.

A. R. Poliak and M. Talan (J.R.C.):—
lost to Wong and Lui, 1-3; lost to Tsang

It is not generally known that The Northcote Training College is equipped with an excellent gymnasium, though facilities for outdoor sport are so limited that grounds have had to be "borrowed" whenever the need for such arose.



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E. Whitgob and A. Odell (J.R.C.):—lost to Wong and Lui, 2-6; lost to Tsan and Choy, 1-6; beat Lau and Tso, 6-2.

Games Postponed

The matches between Post Office Recreation Club (1) and Filipino Club against Kowloon India Tennis Recreation Club and Post Office Recreation Club (2) respectively were postponed.

	Sets					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A. Pt.
S.C.A.A.	7	7	0	0	53	10
C.R.C.	6	5	1	0	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
C.C.C.	6	5	1	0	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
F.C.	6	4	2	0	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
A.T.C.	6	2	3	1	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$
I.R.C.	6	2	3	1	20	34
C.B.A.	5	2	3	0	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
P.O.R.C. (1)	6	2	4	0	16	38
P.O.R.C. (2)	4	1	3	0	12	24
J.R.C.	5	0	5	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 $\frac{1}{2}$
K.I.T.C.	6	0	5	0	6	39

Kowloon Cricket Club will play off their First Division League Tennis fixture against University at Cox's Road to-day at 8.15 p.m., but up till this morning the M.C.C. captain could only muster four regular players, namely E. C. and E. F. Fincher, S. A. Gray and A. Crawford.

Two "B" Division matches in Army Tennis League were played off at Sookunpoo last evening resulting as follows:—

Royal Army Service Corps beat Royal Army Medical Corps "B" by two points to one, the scores being:—
Gibbs and Jones (R.A.S.C.):—beat Sgt. Parkins and Dunne, 7-5, 8-6.
Young and Fare (R.A.S.C.):—lost to Sgt. Smith and Sgt. Langley, 4-6, 3-6, 5-7.
Morgan and Henth (R.A.S.C.):—beat S/Sgt. Shorthouse and C/pl Cross, 4-6, 6-5.

Royal Engineers by two points to one, the scores being:—
S/Cdr. Gardner and L/Cpl. Pinder (R.A.O.C.)—beat S/Sgt Kehoe and Cpl. Hawkins, 8-3, 6-4, 10-8.
Cpl. Reynolds and L/Cpl. Roberts (R.A.O.C.)—beat Sgt. Spencer and Cpl. Birrell, 2-6, 7-5, 10-8.
Sgt. Hewitson and Pte. Dunne (R.A.O.C.)—lost to L/Cpl. Moxham and Snr. Troop 2-6, 1-6, 0-6.

Royal Scots	18	17	17
R.A.O.C.	18	13	5
12th. Battery	12	12	0
24th. Battery	21	12	9
36th. Battery	15	10	5
5th. A.A.	15	8	7
Royal Signals	21	8	13
Royal Engineers	12	7	5
Middlesex	15	5	10
R.A.S.C. "A"	12	4	8
R.A.M.C. "B"	9	4	5
R.A.M.C. "A"	9	3	3
965th. Battery	18	3	15
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18
R.A.S.C. "A"	9	2	7

Results of the matches played in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water Polo Tournament yesterday are as follows:—

Y.M.C.A. POOL
Middlesex "A" 3 5th. A.A. Regt.
R.A.
Jennings Burdge Giblin.

Seamings, Dargie and Hymas.	Glover.
Middlesex "B" 3	Navy "A"
Peacock (2), and	Paul (2), Hold
Radley.	ford (own goal)
Y. M. C. A. 5	965th. R.A.
P. Wilson (2), C.	Leong Kwok
Goldman (2) and	wal.
Roberts.	

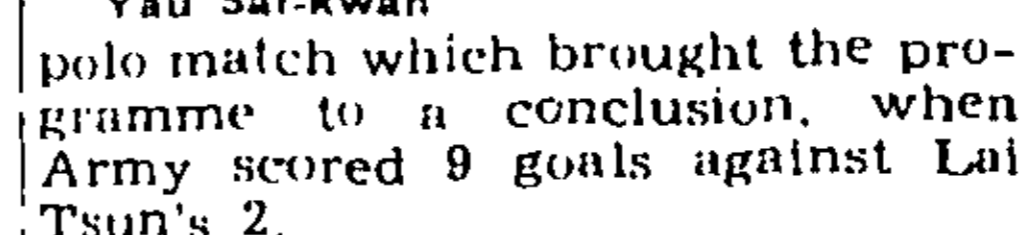
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts
Signale	14	14	0	0	78	9	238
Y.M.C.A.	16	13	2	0	75	17	260
Middlesex "A" .	13	12	1	0	70	12	244
R. Navy "A" . .	13	9	3	1	49	29	199
R. Scots "A" . .	14	9	5	0	47	30	188
Combined Small Units	15	8	6	1	40	49	177
8th. Regt. R.A. .	11	5	4	2	29	38	112
R. Navy "C" . .	18	5	0	2	34	38	112
Middlesex "B" .	13	4	8	1	27	49	99
5th. A.A. Regt. -R.A.	13	3	8	2	30	38	108
R. Navy "B" . .	10	2	7	1	11	40	55
38th. Bty. R.A. .	13	1	11	1	15	62	33
965th. Bty. R.A.	14	0	12	2	19	72	22
Royal Scots "B" .	13	0	12	1	13	66	1



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CHARLES HUANG, FORMER SHANGHAI CHAMPION AND V.R.C. UNIVERSITY SWIMMER, SUSTAINED HIS SECOND DEFEAT IN THE COURSE OF SIX DAYS AT THE HANDS OF YAU SAI KWAN, SECOND STRING LAI TSUN SWIMMER AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPROVED SWIMMERS THIS SEASON, OVER THE 440 YARDS FREE-STYLE COURSE AT ARMY POOL LAST EVENING, YAU WINNING BY NO LESS THAN 7 SECONDS AGAINST HIS MORE EXPERIENCED OPPONENT.



Results were as follows:
100 Yards Free-Style:—1, Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); 2, Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun); 3, Pte. Macdonald (Army).

Time: 65.
100 Yards Back-Stroke:—1. Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun); 2. Lau Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun); 3. Lieut. Hunter (Army).
Time: 78.
440 Yards (Free-Style) Invitation:—
1. Yau Sak-kwan (Lai Tsun) (5 47); 2. Charles Huang (V.R.C.) (5 54).

100 Yards Breast-Stroke:—1, Tsang Chang-po (Lai Tsun), 2, Luk Sze-sing (Lai Tsun); 3, Cpl. Bedford (Army). Time: 86.

200 Yards Medley Relay:—1, Lai Tsun (Lai Tai-ping, Tsang Cheong-ming, Lau Tai-ping); 2, Army (Lieut. Hunter, Cpl. Bedford, Sig. Bennet).

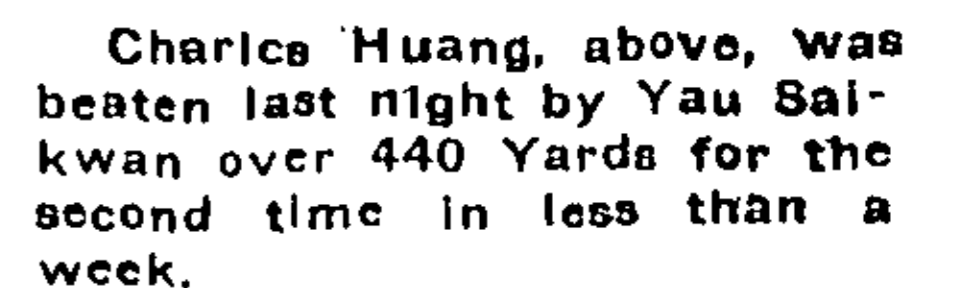
Eight Lengths Relay:—1. Lai Tsun
(Lau Tal-ping, Tsang Cheong-ming,
Chan Chun-nam, Poon Wing-ka); 2.
Army (Sig Allen, Lieut. Millar, Pte
Macdonald, Sig. Bennet). Time: 2 18.

Seven Lengths Medley Relay:—1.
Lai Tsun (Tsang Cheong-ming, Yau
Sai-kwan, Chan Chun-nam, Lau Tal-
ping); 2. Army (Bdsim Plummer, Sig.
Hunt, Pte. Elms. Pte. McHugh).
Time: 2.24.

Water-Polo:—Army 9 (Allen (4), Hun-
(3), Macdonald, Bennett) v. Lai Tsun 2
(Lam Yau-ting 2).

Against right-hand pitching. New York Yankees employ Tommy Henrich and Bill Dickey, and Charley Keller drops from third position to fifth.

The Summer number of the "Yellow Dragon" (Quech's College school magazine) has just been published and one paragraph dealing with the annual athletic sports is to the effect that "the next annual sports meeting is still a long way off, but while we are in a valedictory mood, we should like to take the opportunity of saying that the Principal and staff are always glad to welcome all old boys at these meetings and see them take part in the two events specially arranged for them."



The Charity swimming gala between Combined V.R.C. and Y.M.C.A. against Combined Chinese, which was to have been held at V.R.C. on Saturday next, has been postponed owing to Volunteer exercises.

The re-arranged date has been provisionally fixed for Saturday, August 9, but Lai Tsun have already made arrangements to meet Hong Kong University on that date, and will now have to consult each other on this point.

The intra-members gala of Victoria Recreation Club fixed for August 9 has now been brought forward to August 2 to accommodate the charity gala.

If they win the baseball pennant for 1941—and there is no reason to believe they will not—Mindanao will have achieved the rare distinction of carrying off this honour two seasons in a row. "Ski" Powlowski and Tony Mascavage, incidentally, have been the battery both years.

A black and white illustration of a welder in a protective mask and gear, working on a metal structure. Sparks are flying from the welding point. The text "Safety through Bodwell's Service" is written in a stylized font across the lower part of the illustration.

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PLACE FOR WHIRLAWAY AMONG GREAT CUP HORSES IN HISTORY OF U.S. TURF

ACCIDENTS ASIDE, WHIRLAWAY, AMERICAN RACE HORSE, SHOULD TAKE HIS PLACE AMONGST THE GREAT CUP HORSES, WRITES A NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT.

Like Exterminator, Crusader, Reich Count and Twenty Grand, Whirlaway has a blazing turn of speed for a distance horse.

Now that he is a model of deportment, his tendency to run wide at the turns corrected, it is only a question of the jockey giving him his head at the proper time.

HOCKEY ON ROLLERSKATES CUP RULES

Following are the "Rules" drawn up by the sponsors of the "Chi Yin Yat Po" Cup Hockey (on roller skates) Tournament:

1. The puck is always in play and should be flicked but not hit.
2. Hooking, obstructing or tackling from behind is not allowed; the stick should not be lifted above the abdomen, but both sides of the stick can be used.
3. Attacking players must not be over the line designated on the rink, otherwise it will be called off-side.
4. In cases of off-side, the puck must be flicked off.
5. The goalkeeper is not allowed to lie across the goal and must always be on his skates. The stick must not be laid on the ground and must be kept in his hands at all times.
6. The goalkeeper is allowed to hold the puck and throw it sideways, but not to his front.
7. If the puck is above the head it can be stopped with hands or feet, but kicking is not allowed.
8. If a player is sent off the rink for fouling, the time must not be more than two minutes.
9. Every team consists of six players but, in case of a smaller rink, five players will be played instead.
10. The official time for each game is limited to 30 minutes.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's starting times for Fanning on Sunday are as follows:

OLD COURSE	
9.16 a.m.	T. E. Pearce, K. S. Morrison.
9.20 "	A. B. Purves, R. Forrest.
9.24 "	S. L. Lloyd, I. H. Geare.
9.28 "	H. F. Phillips, J. A. Parrish.
9.32 "	B. O. Baldwin, W. Hewitt.
9.36 "	P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland.
9.40 "	J. C. Taylor, R. Young.
9.44 "	L. A. R. Duncan, J. G. H. Lander.
9.48 "	J. G. Jensen, Capt. Barclay.
10.00 "	Capt. Young, E. G. Price.
10.16 "	A. E. Lissaman, D. S. Robb.
10.20 "	C. W. E. Bishop, W. Woodward.

Zeke Bonura is batting at a .400 pace for Minneapolis.

With the introduction of hockey and basketball on roller skates, some of the more enterprising young sportsmen have been talking about starting a softball competition on the same lines.

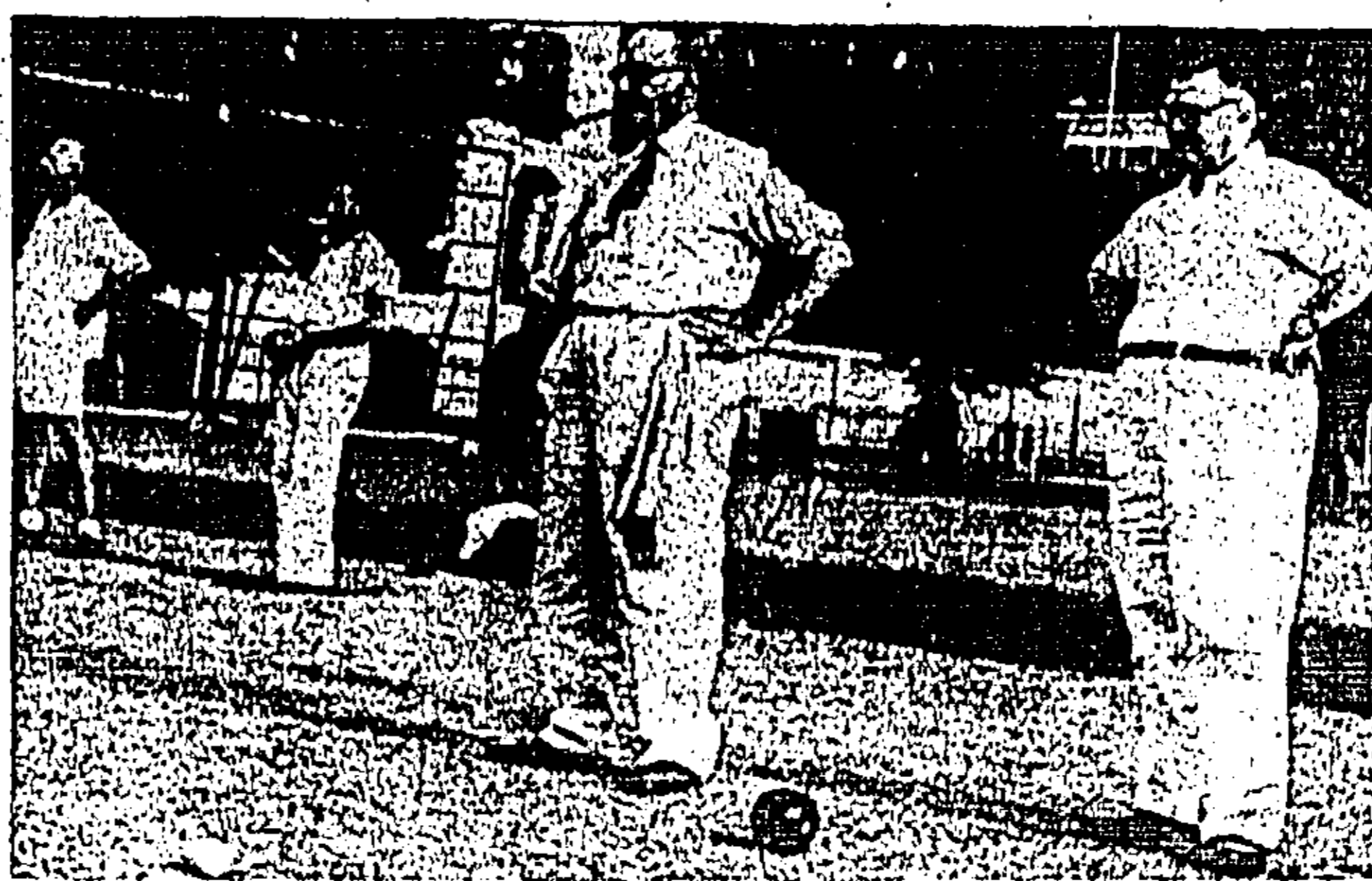
The annual general meeting of Hong Kong Rifle Association will be held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, on Thursday, July 24, at 5.30 p.m. The election of a Council, President, Vice-Presidents, Auditor, Legal Adviser, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are items on the agenda.

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E. S. Abraham (with pipe), H.K.C.C. skip, and his opposite number, L. de Rome (Electric) caught by our cameraman at Chater Road last Saturday, when the home team won by 2 rinks to 1, de Rome being the only visiting skip to be "up." In the background are J. K. Sloan, Electric R.C., getting ready to bowl, while A. Nissim of H.K.C.C. looks on. Nissim won 27-20.

RUMOURS OF H.B. STARS JOINING OTHER CLUBS "ENTIRELY UNFOUNDED"

RUMOURS TO THE EFFECT THAT SOME OF THE BASEBALL PLAYERS WHO TURNED OUT FOR H.B. IN THE LEAGUE HAVE APPLIED TO JOIN OTHER CLUBS (THIS TEAM WITHDREW LAST WEEK FOLLOWING DISAGREEMENT WITH HONG KONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION AS A RESULT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S REFUSAL TO THE H.B. REQUEST FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF THEIR GAME AGAINST MINDANAO), "ARE ENTIRELY UNFOUNDED," ACCORDING TO MR. DHUN RUTTONJEE, SPONSOR OF THE H.B. TEAM.

Mr. Ruttonjee said that maybe some of the non-playing members of the club had voiced such intentions, "but I can assure you that they do not include any of the present crowd."

Enquiries from Mr. Roy Lau, Hon. Secretary of the Baseball Association, elicited the information that "no such application had been received."

"If we do receive any, though," Mr. Lau said, "there is no reason why they should not be granted. For instance, there must be some of the H.B. players who will want to take part in the International series which begins early next month. Applications from them to play for the different sides will most certainly be granted, for we cannot hold anything against the players just because the management of their club saw fit to withdraw."

Few thoroughbreds have been capable of running the last five-eighths of a route faster than Whirlaway.

His last quarter in the mile and a quarter Kentucky Derby in 24 seconds, without being touched, gives you a rough idea of how rapidly the little dark chestnut can run over tiring horses when the real racing begins.

Gold Cup

The Travers at a mile and a quarter at Saratoga in August, the Saratoga Cup at a mile and three-quarters, the Lawrence Realisation at a mile and five-eighths and the Jockey Club Gold Cup at two miles at Belmont Park in the autumn would be to Whirlaway's liking.

Whirlaway perhaps is the finest race horse in America at any distance from five-eighths to four miles, but distance is his forte.

While in no sense a plodder like Gusto and Dauber, Whirlaway is not cut out to set the pace and run his own type of race, meeting and repelling all challengers as they come along as did Man o' War and his fine son, War Admiral.

Whirlaway must be carefully rated.

He must not be called upon too soon or too late.

He requires an Arcaro in the pilot house.

On the small side—standing no more than 15 hands 3 inches, the blaze-faced Whirlaway is deep through the heart and shoulder and exceedingly well made. His conformation and appearance suggest power plus, but he is a nervous fellow.

SHANGHAI GIANTS OF THE PAST

Writing in his daily feature under the heading of "Random Shots" on July 6, the Sports Editor of the "China Press", Shanghai, bemoans the fact that present-day players in the various fields of sport do not compare favourably with the giants of the past.

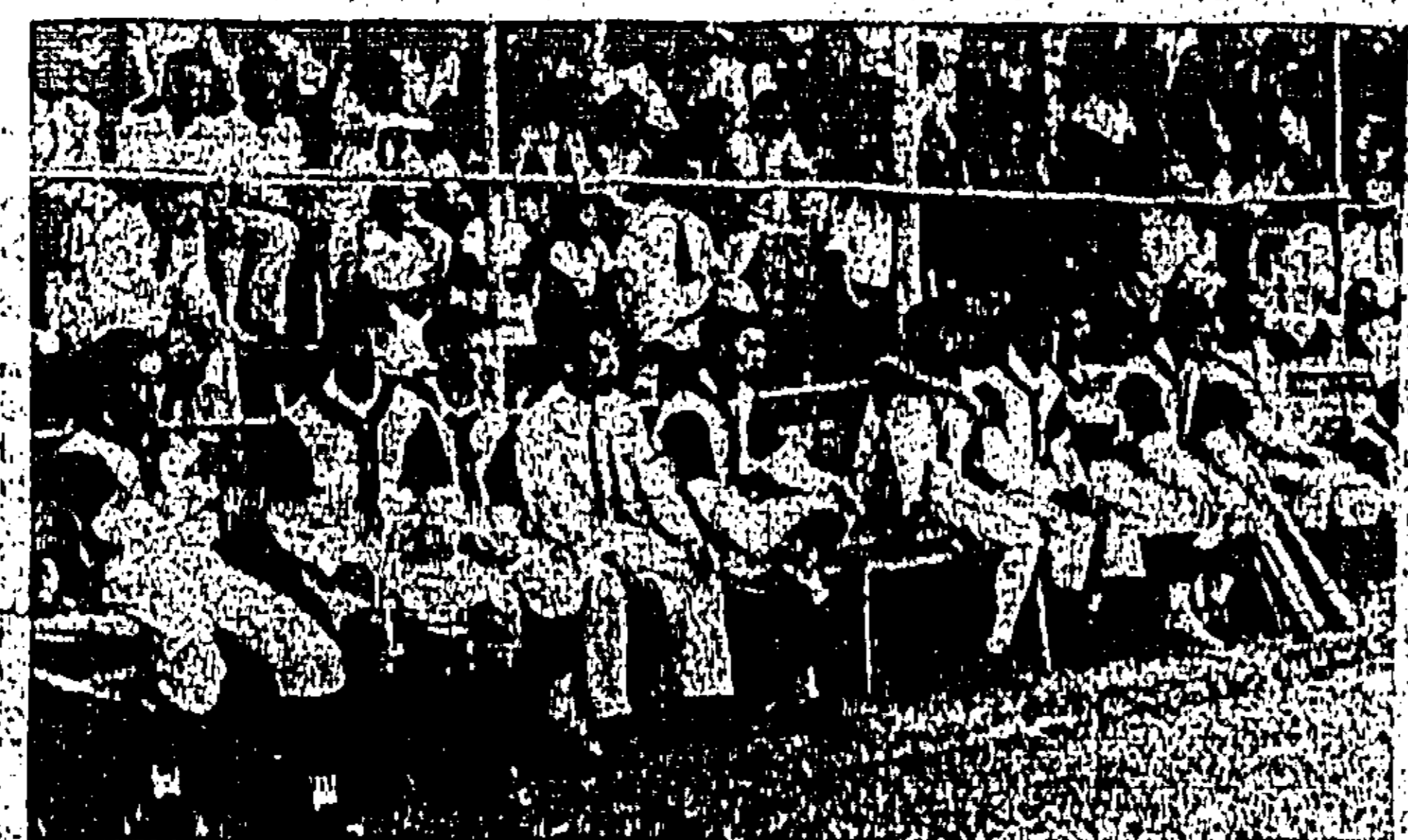
Dealing with tennis first he says:—"Carson may be the City's tennis champion but if his performance in the Mixed Doubles Championship be any criterion I am afraid he would have been outclassed by the veterans in their heyday. Toussaint ruled the roost for a number of years, after which we had Sheldon, Potts, Tanaka, Roberts. . . . Again among the fair sex, none of the local stars to-day would stand up to a match with Mrs. C. D. Pearson."

The writer then goes on to cricket:

and says there isn't any fast bowler comparable with the late Jimmy Quayle. "There was something really to watch then with Capt. Barrett, the late Harry Ollerdesen, Willie Clifford, the Lanning brothers. To-day, we just have a handful with Donald Leach leading the few."

The writer, after asserting that the feats of the sportsmen that have gone shine with a lustre that cannot be matched, charges the youngsters of to-day with turning their attention to "tripping the light fantastic" rather than getting out in the early morning for a spell of hard training.

Mackerel, the filly which tied the Belmont Park juvenile course record for five furlongs in 0.59-3/5, is from the last crop of Equipoise, which, died as he was about to win renown as a progenitor.



When the H. B. squad failed to put in an appearance at Rallway Corner for their match against U.S. Mindanao last Saturday, Chung Hwa stepped into the breach and were beaten 8-2. Our photograph shows the Hwamen on the benches during the game, with "Grandpa" Loung in the middle of the group, resting his foot on the seat.

CORRESPONDENCE

BASEBALL LEAGUE DECISION

Sir,—Anent the recent controversy between Hong Kong Brewery Baseball team and the H.K. Baseball League Committee, may I point out the following salient facts?

1. A member of the H.B. team went personally to the Hon. Secretary at about 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, 10th July, and asked for a postponement of the game on Saturday, 12th, with Mindanao, which request the Secretary refused, at the same time stating that he would not recognise any verbal requests, but only an officially written letter from the Hon. Secretary of the H.B. team. (Tsk! Tsk! What principles!)

2. If he (representing, indirectly, the League Committee) had favoured the postponement he'd've had plenty of time to confirm it with his committee and notify the Press and the opposing team. The Chung Hwa team, by private arrangements, were willing to step in the breach and play the Minnies (and it transpired later that they did). In doing so, the cash customers would not have been disappointed when they flocked in droves to see this clash between the League leaders.

3. What difference would it have been whether the game was played that Saturday or some other time—the League has up to September to finish its games. Surely some tact and foresight were lacking in not seeing that the finances of the Association would surely suffer at a time when it was needed most.

4. To what end did this same League Committee acquire with Mindanao's demand that the baseball team must be supplemented by two members of any other U.S. naval ship in port or they would not enter the League?

5. It would be interesting to know the Committee's decision if the regular pitcher and catcher of Mindanao were unable to play and should they ask for a postponement.

Yours for fairplay to our local lads,
"ANLEYSTAY."

DID YOU KNOW?

Before being permanently branded with the nickname Red Sox, the Boston Americans were at various times known as the Somersets, Puritans, Plymouth Rocks, and Speed Boys.

MINIATURE RACING AT RECREIO

In spite of the fact that the Miniature (Wooden) Horse Racing held at Club de Recreio last evening was only for members and friends, quite a large crowd attended, with the result that the 20-cent cash sweep conducted on the last race paid the holder of the winning ticket \$497.50.

Proceeds were for the B.W.O.F. Mr. E. de Souza, who was in charge of the meeting, told the "China Mail" that in order to confine such meetings to members and their friends only, admission to future meetings will be "by card only."

Fritz Zivic, ex-welterweight champion, says that every time he fights lately, the referee tries to stop any infighting he tries to do. The Pittsburgher uses the Mike Kaplan 10-round in Boston as an example. "Every time I got close to Mike, or even when he clinched, the referee pushed me away," complained Zivic. "What did he expect me to hit him with? A 10-foot pole?"

Postponed matches in all divisions of the Lawn Tennis League will be rearranged at the end of the month. In the meantime Clubs are requested to make mutual arrangements to have postponed games played off before then.

THE BATTLEFRONT

Nazi Claim To Smolensk Discredited In Moscow

Counter-Attack In Bobruisk Sector Continuing

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE D.N.B. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SMOLENSK HAS BEEN CAPTURED IS DISCREDITED BY THE SOVIET HIGH COMMAND, WHICH HOWEVER ADMITS THAT THE GERMANS ARE THREATENING THE FORTIFIED JUNCTION CITY, WHICH IS THE MAIN GATEWAY TO MOSCOW.

The Russians state that a heavy battle was in progress all day Wednesday and through Thursday morning to the west of Smolensk, but claim to be holding the German attack, while only ninety miles to the south in the Bobruisk sector, the Soviet counter-offensive, which threw the Germans back over the Dnieper, is continuing "in full force with great ardour and success."

The Germans officially were silent yesterday on the claim to Smolensk, and Berlin reports concerned themselves almost exclusively with operations near Murmansk, the drive against Leningrad and the Kiev thrust.

It is interesting in view of the German claim to have captured Murmansk in their first onslaught from north Finland, that the German communique stated: "Murmansk is facing fresh danger of capture after combined German-Finnish forces, in a heavy battle, seized the fortified town of Salla, only 65 miles west of Kandalaksha, situated on the northwest tip of the White Sea on the Murmansk railway."

In the Kiev sector, the German communique speaks of Nazi panzers "crushing fierce Russian counter-attacks" and "sweeping east beyond Kiev which is now facing encirclement."

The Russians are content to say that no major engagements have

occurred in the Kiev sector and that the front has undergone no important change.

Pskov Sector

In the northern sector, the Germans claim to be threatening Pskov, east of Pskov, and there seems to be some reason to believe that armoured units have penetrated the Soviet line at some points, though Pskov is still in Russian hands.

The Germans naturally insist that the Germans have "hurled the Russian forces into a general retreat," that the Nazi armies "continue to push through the broken Stalin Line" and, of course, that "important developments are ripening."

Stockholm despatches received in London report a combined Russian naval and air bombardment of the Latvia port and capital, Riga, which is in German hands. Russian warships shelling the port were attacked by German aircraft unsuccessfully.

THE LONDON "DAILY MIRROR" QUOTES MOSCOW RADIO FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PLOESTI HAS AGAIN BEEN HEAVILY BOMBED, LEAVING THE PETROLEUM FIELDS "A HUGE SEA OF FLAMES."

The "Daily Telegraph's" Stockholm correspondent says that Tallinn has been set on fire by the Russian garrison. Russian troops are defending a ring of forts round Tallinn while carrying out M. Stalin's scorched earth programme.—International News Service.

Still A D.N.B. Scoop

Up to 6.30 last evening the German radio had still made no mention of the claim earlier by the official German news agency that the important town of Smolensk, 220 miles west of Moscow, had been captured by the Nazis.

Five Battles

The following is the text of a Red Army communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau early this morning:—

"During July 17 our troops waged battles in the directions of Pskov - Pskov, Polotsk, Smolensk, Novograd-Volinsk and on a sector of the Bessarabian front."

"As a result of the fighting no important change took place in the disposition of our troops on the front."

"During July 17, our air force operated against enemy motor and mechanised troops and destroyed aircraft on aerodromes."

"During July 15 and 16, 98 German aircraft were destroyed. We lost 23."

The official German news agency stated early this morning that the Soviet troops are now trying to delay the German advance by attacks on German infantry who are following the armoured advance guards in the Kiev area.—Reuter.

KILLED IN ACTION

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE HAVE TO RECORD THE DEATH ON ACTIVE SERVICE OF IAN SIM FORBES, THE SON OF MR. D. D. FORBES, HONG KONG MANAGER OF ANDERSEN, MEYER AND CO.

Ian was in the Royal Air Force, but no details of the circumstances of his death have been received beyond the fact that he was killed in action on July 7.

He lived for some time in Hong Kong and was with Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews for about two years.

U.S. BLACKLISTS 1,800 PERSONS AND FIRMS

The United States has blacklisted 1,800 persons and firms in Latin-America in an effort to bolster national defence and close export channels to Germany and Italy, says Reuter from Washington to-day.

BLOW TO AXIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The American blacklist of 1,800 Latin-American individuals and firms is regarded in Washington as an economic blow to the Axis.

No American concern can now export goods to those black-listed, who are suspected of "fronting" for the totalitarians.

The executive order announcing the black-list also subjects the purchases of suspects to seizure.

The firms banned include German and Italian banks, chemical companies, arms agencies, photographic concerns, public utilities, and the Lufthansa and Condor air lines.—International News Service.

OFFENSIVE

PETERING OUT ?

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9,000,000 men are locked in a death struggle on the eastern front.

Hitler's headquarters declared that the battle "surpasses all historic precedent."

Finnish airmen, it is announced in Helsinki, bombed Murmansk, though it is admitted that Russian forces "retreating" east of Orsha are putting up violent resistance.

The Germans now say they are 225 miles from Moscow.—International News Service.

Nazi Friction

If Hitler hoped for disagreement among the Russian leaders to help a German victory, Russia may now equally hope that the discord between the Nazi leaders will help her to win the war, says the Bangkok newspaper "Sieng Thai" (Voice of Thai).—Reuter.

DEATH

FORBES, Ian Sim, R.A.F., son of Mr. & Mrs. D. D. Forbes, killed on 7th July—by cable. (Tientsin and Shanghai papers please copy.)

NAZI GENERAL KILLED

News that the Nazi Major-General Otto Lancelle has been killed in Russia will be a blow for Hitler, with whom he has always been a favourite.

He was one of the men, it is pointed out in London, who planned the Munich putsch in 1923 and had worked with Hitler ever since.

Lancelle was 56 and came of a family which emigrated to Germany during the French Revolution.

Always opposed to the Communists, he helped to quell the Communist movement in Munich after the collapse of the German armies.

He refused to take the oath of allegiance to the Weimar Republic, preferring to retire from the army. Later he became one of the founders of the Stahlhelm and when Hitler dissolved the organisation he was given a command in the Storm Troopers.

On the outbreak of the war with Poland he was promoted major-general.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Thailand has been closely scanning the political horizon in the Far East ever since the outbreak of the Russo-German hostilities.

Recent foreign press and radio hints anent Japan's possible moves, and also Japanese press allusions to Indo-China, have not passed unnoticed in Bangkok.

The dramatic announcement of the Konoye Cabinet's resignation caused a great sensation.

Neutral observers in Bangkok point out that the outcome of the Japanese Cabinet crisis must be anxiously awaited in Thailand in view of its vital importance to Thailand and other regions of East Asia.—Reuter.

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